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Bomber came on false passport

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The grenade-throwing Arab-linked terrorist who killed three persons — including himself — and wounded some 60 others in the Chen Cinema here Wednesday night came to Israel on a false British passport identifying him as "Alexander Adam Hooper." But police believe this is not his name and doubt both that he was born in Ghana, as indicated in the passport, or held British nationality. They also think he killed himself by accident.

Meanwhile, the names of the two people he killed were released: they are English engineer Robin Keith Burberry, 34, a father of two, and Miss Sarah Shuchman, 28, of Ramat Gan.

Two-thirds of the injured have already been sent home from hospital.

Police, who are conducting two investigations — to find out who the terrorist was and whether he was helped here, and to see if Haga security checks were lax — say that several persons reported seeing the terrorist after his arrival by air from the Far East (see page 2).

Some of the people in the taxi that took him to the Commodore Hotel in Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Circus, and some of the hotel guests believe he might be of Iranian origin — at least he spoke a few words in Persian. However, one English couple at the Commodore, Benny Demmy of Manchester and his wife Stella, had a "good look at him" and thought he was "British."

The only thing clear is some connection with George Habash's Arab terrorist "Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine," judging from the slogans on Commodore Hotel stationery which police have managed to piece together from the fragments of the killer's body. (See picture).

After arriving at the hotel the terrorist apparently removed plastic explosives from the lining of his suitcase and sat down to make five bombs, using small empty tins of condensed fruit juice. To make the grenades more effective, he stuffed the tin cans with nails, parts of key chains, and children's toys made of metal. Since more bomb-making material was found in his room, it appears he believed he would come out of the Chen bombing unharmed.

(A stub from the Ordan Cinema in Rehov Hayarkon, a block away from the American Embassy, indicates he had gone to the first show here; he apparently held off throwing the grenades when he saw the cinema was quite empty.)

The attacker carried his grenades in a specially prepared elastic stomach girdle-belt he wore under his clothes. Arriving at the Chen for the second show, he took a seat in the empty back row of the balcony. At 10.10 p.m. he threw two grenades (some reports say three) and then was killed by the next one.

There are two theories as to how he died. One, offered by Chen manager Yehuda Doron, is that the terrorist raised his hand too high in throwing and hit a fire extinguisher with his hand, causing him to drop the grenade. This rolled away a few feet in the dark, far enough for him not to see it, and to lead him to believe it had rolled far enough away not to hurt him.

However, Nitzav David Ofer, chief of the Tel Aviv police, said the terrorist was killed when his grenade's safety device got stuck in his clothes as he was pulling it out of the stomach belt. As the body was badly mutilated, the second version seems more acceptable, although a few persons claim they heard the terrorist had time to shout in Arabic "Death to all the Jews," just before the blast.

The English engineer he managed to kill before killing himself, Robin Keith Burberry, was from Crawley in Sussex and was in Israel to advise the canning industry. He was married and the father of

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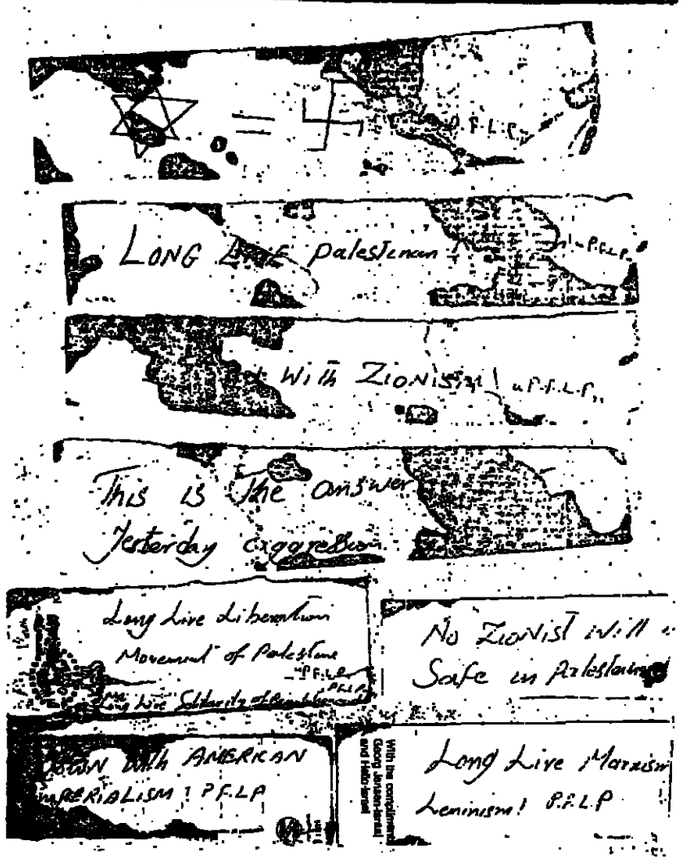

Apart from spending time in his Tel Aviv hotel room preparing bombs, the Chen cinema terrorist busied himself with writing out anti-Zionist and anti-American slogans. Above is a photostat of some of his scrawls, written on hotel stationery. They were found in his pockets, torn in pieces and were put together by the police. The dark blotches are bloodstains.

This photo was distributed by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, purporting to be "Mozaffar," the Tel Aviv cinema bomber, who was blown up by his own bomb. The Israeli police have his passport picture but have not released it yet, although it is learned that it showed him not only sporting a moustache but also wearing glasses. (AP radiophoto)

Parliament in Beirut meets over air raid

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

The Lebanese authorities last night said that four Israeli warplanes rocketed a Palestinian terrorist stronghold on the outskirts of Beirut in a lightning raid lasting seven minutes.

Beirut international airport was ordered closed down for the evening as the Lebanese Government went into an extraordinary session to discuss what was described as the "rapidly-deteriorating Middle East situation."

Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Solh said that one woman was killed and 10 others were wounded in yesterday's air raid which he said was directed at the Sabra "refugee camp."

Speaking to the House Deputies, Solh said that his Government had decided to submit a complaint to the UN Security Council but did not say whether he was requesting a meeting.

OTHERS INFORMED

Lebanese President Suleiman Franjieh was last night reported to have held a number of phone conversations with Arab leaders, presumably including Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Palestine Liberation Organization leaders in Beirut called an emergency meeting to discuss the raid which they feared might signal extensive retaliatory strikes.

Beirut radio and TV last night frequently broadcast instructions to citizens in Lebanon on how to conduct themselves during air raids.

Neither the Lebanese authorities nor the PLO leaders gave details of the damage caused by the Israeli raid. Preliminary reports said that a number of terrorist strongholds were hit including an office belonging to the Syrian-backed e-Sa'eka organization. They said that the commander, Majid Mohsin, was wounded.

Air raid sirens sounded throughout Beirut as the Israeli warplanes swept out of the rainclouds to hit terrorist strongholds. A Lebanese Defence Ministry spokesman said the Israeli planes were "confronted" by Lebanese jets and anti-aircraft guns, claiming that one of the planes "was believed to have been hit."

ARAFAT'S BOAST

The raid took place as PLO chief Yasser Arafat boasted of Wednesday night's terror attack on the Tel Aviv Chen cinema. Arafat claimed that the operation was in retaliation to Tuesday's missile attack at the PLO offices in the heart of Beirut.

But in an apparent bid to deprive Arafat of his attempt to capitalize on the operation, Dr. George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) which took direct responsibility for the Tel Aviv operation said that the act was in celebration of the seventh anniversary of its foundation. The PFLP said that the operation was part of its strategy. It pledged to "escalate operations inside and outside the occupied territories until the liberation of the whole of Palestine" is achieved.

The PFLP spokesman, Bassam Abu Sharif, said the attack on the Chen cinema was carried out by four terrorists in addition to the one who was killed, who was referred to as "Mozaffar," meaning "victor." He said, "Comrade Mozaffar addressed the cinema audience before the attack started, saying that there shall be no peace unless a secular democratic state is established on the whole of Palestine soil."

Sadat envoy in Amman

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

AN EGYPTIAN envoy flew into Amman last night carrying a special message from President Sadat to Jordan's King Hussein. The contents of the message were not disclosed.

The envoy, Dr. Ashraf Marwan, was expected to hold a series of talks with Jordanian Government officials and Hussein in connection with Egypt's plans to convene a four-party meeting between Cairo, Damascus, Amman and the PLO.

Israeli jets hit terror bases in south Beirut

Smoke rises over Beirut skyline after Israeli planes bombed terrorist installations in the outskirts of the city. (AP radiophoto)

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

ISRAEL AIR FORCE planes yesterday attacked one of the chief military installations of the PLO on the southern outskirts of Beirut. It was used by the Fatah and the PLO as a training base and as a special operations headquarters, the Israel Army spokesman said.

The spokesman did not identify the target but said "it was isolated from inhabited neighbourhoods." The raid began at 4 p.m. and lasted about 15 minutes.

The aircraft came under fire from SAM 7 "Strela" shoulder-launched missiles, supplied to the terrorists by the Soviet Union, but all planes returned safely to base.

The Israeli air raid followed the bomb attack on the Chen cinema in Tel Aviv on Wednesday night for which the Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility. It also came two days after a series of rocket attacks on three Palestine Liberation Organization offices in Beirut. The Lebanese Government and the PLO accused Israeli agents of carrying out that attack.

Yesterday's raid was the first air strike at terrorist bases near Beirut since last May. In recent months, the Air Force has occasionally hit terrorist targets in southern Lebanon, although the main bases and headquarters are located in the camps around the Lebanese capital.

The policy of avoiding civilian casualties is one of the chief reasons for the sparing use of the air force against terrorist bases inside the camps.

The terrorists deliberately locate their installations near churches, mosques, schools, hospitals or UN institutions, in order to deter Israel from launching air raids.

Apart from the Strela missiles, regular anti-aircraft guns have also been deployed in the refugee camps in Lebanon. The terrorists have built underground bunkers and shelters to protect themselves from air raids.

Rabin: War no solution for Israel, Arabs

By DAVID LENNON,
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last night he did not think Israel can win a war in such a way as to put a political end to the Israel-Arab conflict. He also expressed the belief that the Arabs are aware that they too cannot solve the problem by war.

In an interview with Lew Gardner on Britain's Independent Television, Rabin said, "By war Israel can first reduce the military threat to the country. Israel can gain time, but Israel cannot basically solve the political conflict by winning the war because we'll never be allowed to win it."

The Prime Minister also said, "I don't believe that the Arab countries think that they can win a war in an overwhelming way that can allow them to dictate to Israel the political future."

Rabin issued a categoric "no" when asked if a settlement for the Palestinians is in fact the heart and root of the matter. "The key to war and peace in the area lies in the relations between Israel and the Arab countries... on the other hand, without a solution of the Palestine issue there can be no just and durable peace in the area."

Gardner then asked him: "Wouldn't it be worthwhile for Israel to say to the PLO, if you give up your idea that the State of Israel must go in its present form, we are prepared to negotiate with you?"

Rabin: "I think politically it would be one of the greatest mistakes that Israel could make, because, what does it mean, that we'll give legitimacy, practically recognition, to the so-called PLO. I think it would be one of the gravest mistakes on the part of Israel to do so."

Rabin reiterated Israel's refusal to have anything to do with the PLO, and pinned his hopes on Jordan for reaching a settlement on the West Bank. He expected that it would take about two years until the Arabs realised that Rabat had brought about the opposite of what they wanted — that the West Bank and Gaza were becoming more Israeli.

He expected that King Hussein could then re-establish himself and play a role. But "If King Hussein or Jordan in its present position cannot survive—that is going to be another setback for the cause of peace in the area."

Rabin said the Soviet Union is trying to build up Syria as a counterbalance to Egypt as the leading force in the Arab world in the conflict with Israel. "The importance of Egypt was much more obvious in the past than in the present. Still I believe Egypt is the key Arab country if the Middle East will turn either to war or to peace," he declared.

"I think the more time passes Egypt loses its role as the key factor in the Arab war. I've seen in the last year an effort by the Soviet Union to build Syria first militarily, I think also politically, as a counterpart to Egypt in the Arab world. Since the Yom Kippur War the influx of arms and political support was built around Syria and Iraq by the Soviet Union to serve as a balancing factor in the Arab world vis-a-vis Egypt.

U.S. deplores 'violence cycle'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The State Department yesterday said that it deplores the "action-cycle of violence" in the Middle East, including Wednesday night's blast in the Tel Aviv cinema as well as yesterday's air raids by Israel in Lebanon.

This cycle "not only affects innocent persons, but tends to undermine the climate conducive to promoting the efforts to bring peace to the region," it was stated.

When the Department spokesman was asked whether he was making any distinction between the two incidents, he replied that he was talking about the whole "cycle of violence — the tragedy in the Israeli theatre and the air raids."

Allon sees Rocky before leaving U.S.

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told a group of American Jewish leaders yesterday that his 75-minute discussion with President Ford on Monday was "pleasantly frank," but he denied a press report here that Ford had spoken bluntly during the meeting.

Allon, who was due to leave New York last night to return to Israel, told the conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that he was satisfied with the results of his talks with Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger. Late yesterday afternoon, Mr. Allon met privately with Vice-President Designate Nelson Rockefeller in New York, but no details available.

"New York Times" columnist James Reston said on Wednesday that despite the blunt conversation between Ford and Allon, the Foreign Minister went away "not with the promises he sought, but at least with confidence. . . ."

Allon said on NBC's "Today" show yesterday that any agreement with Egypt should last "for a good number of years," an apparent confirmation of press reports suggesting that Israel is insisting that another interim agreement include a specific time frame.

Informed sources in Washington have told *The Jerusalem Post* that during his talks with Ford and Kissinger, Allon proposed that such a period of time be for about five or six years, to allow Israel to test Egypt's peaceful intentions.

Allon expressed hope that once Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev returns to Moscow after visiting Cairo in mid-January, Egypt will decide to begin talks with Israel. He indicated that talks will not begin before the Brezhnev visit.

He reiterated that he was reassured that there has been no change in U.S. policy toward the PLO. Allon pointed out that during his talks here he raised the issue briefly, only to reassert that Israel will not deal with the terrorists.

Air raid was response to cinema attack

TIN GEDI — The Israel Air Force strike at terrorist installations in Lebanon yesterday came in response to the terrorist attack in a Tel Aviv cinema on Wednesday night, Information Minister Aharon Yariv told a 3,000-strong gathering of youth groups here last night. The Air Force struck at a terrorist training camp, where saboteurs are trained to carry out operations against Israel, and it is possible that the Tel Aviv cinema attack was planned there, the Minister said.

In a statement yesterday morning on the Tel Aviv attack, Yariv said "the nature of Arafat's 'olive branch' was exposed afresh. To us it was obvious that the recognition accorded to the PLO by the U.N. General Assembly would encourage Arafat's organization to further terrorist activity and to indiscriminate murder."

The Minister stressed that Israel had to step up its war against the terror organizations, as well as increase the alertness of the security forces and the community at large — thanks to which terror attempts had been foiled in the past. "I am confident that the public will continue its normal course of life, and will thereby prove to the murderers that their acts will not affect us," Mr. Yariv said.

J'lem terror gang broken up

Security forces have uncovered a cell of eight terrorists belonging to the Fatah. The group is held responsible for a series of recent sabotage acts in Jerusalem.

These include placing explosives at the Bank Hapoalim branch in East Jerusalem on July 22 this year and planting a bomb at the Jerusalem District Court building on Saladin Street on October 19. The group is also blamed for putting explosive charges in a Ramat Eshkol residential building and a supermarket last month, the army spokesman said last night.

Black Rhodesian heads back home

SALISBURY. — Three black Rhodesian leaders returned home yesterday to take part in the conference that will draft a new constitution for the former British territory, after a two-year guerrilla war between black nationalists and the white minority regime.

The jet carrying Bishop Abel Muzorewa, Joshua Nkomo and the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole touched down at Salisbury airport after a flight from Lusaka, Zambia, where they had held secret talks with white Rhodesian leaders that led to Wednesday night's announcement of a cease-fire agreement.

Later the two leaders were cheered by about 1,000 Africans when they made a brief appearance at a Salisbury township.

Meanwhile, the government began releasing some of its estimated 100 black political prisoners, as provided by the cease-fire agreement.

Prime Minister Ian Smith, on Wednesday, announced that the black nationalists had agreed to a cease-fire in exchange for release of black political prisoners and the start of a constitutional conference.

Shortly after arriving from Lusaka, Zambia, where the cease-fire agreement was reached at a conference with white Rhodesian officials, the black leaders issued a statement confirming that their rival groups had agreed to merge under the African National Council for the constitutional negotiations.

Bishop Abel Muzorewa, who heads the Council, said the cease-fire was not immediate, but added: "As a demonstration of our sincerity all freedom fighters will be instructed, as soon as a date for negotiations has been fixed, to suspend fighting."

The bishop said the Council would continue to seek independence on the basis of majority rule and was ready to enter immediate and meaningful negotiations with the Rhodesian and British governments.

Smith's announcement was the product of months of secret southern African diplomacy, involving both black and white ruled states, aimed at ending the constitutional deadlock and promoting racial detente.

This diplomacy reached a climax last week when leaders of Rhodesia's three major nationalist groups — some of them detainees — were flown to Lusaka for talks with African heads of states aimed at formulating peace proposals to put to Smith.

Last Saturday, hopes of a breakthrough faded when the Rhodesian government announced it could not accept a nationalist demand that any round-table conference should be based on the principle of immediate majority rule.

However, Smith on Wednesday revealed that discussions in Lusaka with the nationalists had continued

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Jerusalem	55	4—11	3—13
Golan	77	2—10	1—10
Nahariya	55	5—16	4—17
Safad	63	2— 8	2—10
Haifa	69	8—16	6—17
Tiberias	63	9—17	7—18
Nazareth	61	5—13	4—14
Afula	61	10—16	7—17
Shomron	60	5—12	4—13
Tel Aviv	62	8—15	7—17
B-G Airport	45	7—17	6—19
Jericho	64	9—18	6—20
Gaza	71	9—17	8—18
Beersheba	68	7—15	4—17
Eilat	48	9—17	6—20
Tiran	—	12—19	8—19

Social and Personal

The President and Mrs. Ephraim Katzir yesterday entertained to dinner the Minister of Labour and Mrs. Moshe Baram. The President also received Mr. Mordechai Ardon and Mr. Mordechai Avida. Earlier in the evening, students of the Hatefutzot yeshiva on Mt. Zion lit the Hanukka lights at Beit Hanassi.

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Moshe Neudorfer, Commissioner of State Revenue, is to speak on The Economic Emergency Programme and the Tax System, at the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club, Zion Hotel, at 1 o'clock today. Reservations by phone 511593.

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Tamar Eshel, Secretary of Moetzet Hapoalot, will speak on Women's Status in Israel at the Haifa Engineers' Forum, at 1 o'clock today.

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Rabbi David Telsner will be the guest speaker at the Oneg Shabbat (in English) at Hechal Shlomo in Jerusalem at 8.30 this evening. Pinhas Eliav, of the Foreign Ministry, will speak. Cantor Arye Goldberg will conduct the singing of zemirot.

Tomorrow, at 8 p.m., there will be a "Melave Malka" programme at Hechal Shlomo. Issachar Ben-Yaakov, foreign affairs adviser, will be guest speaker, Cantor Yehuda Lendrer will conduct the musical programme, and a film will be shown. The public is welcome.

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An Oneg Shabbat will be held, in English, at Ihud Shivat Zion, opposite the Debora Hotel, Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv, at 9 this evening. Ya'acov Bar-Or, Ben Hagai and Arie Chapman, of Tour ve'Aleh, will speak. All welcome, particularly tourists.

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The director-designate of the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology, Dr. Avraham Biran, is to discuss the excavations of the Biblical site of Dan-Laish at the Rockefeller Museum, Jerusalem, at 3 o'clock on Sunday. This is the second in a series of lectures on archaeololgical sites — problems and solutions sponsored by the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research and the Glueck School. The public is invited.

Fred Goldstein, journalist, dies at 52

Fred Goldstein, veteran radio and newspaper correspondent, died of a stroke in Paris yesterday. He was 52. The deceased is survived by his wife, a married daughter, two grandchildren, and student son.

Goldstein made his home in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem, seven years ago.

His remains will be brought back for burial in Jerusalem in the coming week.

Fred Goldstein was star correspondent of the Europe No. 1 radio station and Jerusalem correspondent of the Paris daily "L'Aurore," the London "Jewish Observer and Middle East Review" and the South African "Jewish Herald" — where he signed himself "Ben-Avigdor."

In Paris, he had brought out a fortnightly bulletin on Israel. He was the joint author of a book "Pourquoi Prague?" — which was a combined report on the 1968 Soviet suppression of the Dubcek regime in Prague — which he covered for Europe No. 1.

He was on the staff of Israel Radio for many years and sought to introduce the combined French-style newsreel in the 1960s.

He was born in Poland and, after the Nazi invasion, made his way across war-torn Europe to neutral Spain, and thence to England. At the war's end he went to Paris and became involved in the European operations of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, specializing in mobilizing money and arms. His underground code name was Barak.

He came to Israel during the War of Independence as a Mahal volunteer and fought in Jerusalem. Later he returned to France where he took up journalism and was an active member of the Alliance France-Israel, until his move back to Jerusalem.

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MICKY BAR-ILAN
ERIKA SEIDENMANN

We mourn the death of our colleague

FRED GOLDSTEIN

Foreign Press Association

The shattered remains of the Chen Cinema terrorist being removed early yesterday from the Tel Aviv theatre where he blew himself to pieces on Wednesday night after killing two cinema-goers and wounding 60 others. (Simionsky for Israel Sun)

Most of wounded to go home in a few days

'Bombs went off just at funny part'

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "The grenades began exploding in the middle of one of the funniest parts — the spaghetti scene — of the film Flatfoot, advertising salesman Moshe Friedberg, and a sergeant (reserve) in the army, yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post*. "One second the entire audience was giggling, laughing and guffawing — and the next — explosions rocked the cinema, there was a horrified split second of stunned silence, and then the shouting and screaming — sometimes hysterical — began."

The lights went on immediately, he continued, denying radio reports that there was a delay before the lights went on.

"It is impossible to describe the confusion — one second I was sitting next to my wife Ilana — and then she wasn't there." He added that her insistance earlier on changing their tickets for the balcony — she is in the last month of pregnancy — had saved their lives. Their former seats had been in the centre of the series of explosions.

Mr. Friedberg ran out of the hall to look for his wife — and he saw a man running down the staircase to the main lobby who looked as if his foot was blown off at the ankle.

"He was bleeding profusely, and left behind a trail of blood. Despite his evil wound, he was moving even faster than I was."

Finding his wife unharmed outside the theatre, he ran to the middle of the road and stopped the first car. He then turned back to the man badly wounded in the leg, bundled him into the car, and ordered its driver to take the man directly to Ichilov Hospital.

He then ran to a passing Dan bus and banged on the door "like a maniac" until the driver stopped. "I ordered all the passengers out — the driver immediately grasped what was going on — and we began loading the bus with the wounded. Surprisingly enough, none of the passengers objected — but then who could object when they saw these people dripping blood, crying and screaming in pain and fear and bewilderment?" He continued commandeering cars until the police, Magen David Adom and the fire brigade arrived.

Friedberg's wife, who was unharmed, told him that he had appeared to be functioning perfectly, but in a state of shock — "if so," he said, "this is a result of my army training, where we are taught how to act in such situations."

Ichilov hospital had gone over to an "emergency alert" within a few minutes of receiving news of the Chen attack, Dr. Yitzhak Keutsch, medical director of the hospital, told *The Post* yesterday.

He added that the "first patients were examined, classified — and even treated if their injuries were light — within seven minutes after arrival. No patient had to wait more than ninety minutes before examination and classification."

"Everything clicked like clockwork," he said, adding that he believed the hospital could "accommodate" several hundred wounded in a brief time.

Of the approximately 50 patients Ichilov received on Wednesday night, 20 were still hospitalized yesterday. All of these were said to have "moderate" wounds. He expected most of them to be sent home within a few days.

Hadassah Balfour, another hospital in the Municipality's health network, received only eight of the Chen victims, as it is farther from the cinema. Only three were still hospitalized yesterday, and they also are expected to be sent home within a few days.

'I CHATTED WITH THE BOMBER IN BANGKOK'

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — An Israel lawyer with the slightly ironic name of Israel Habash conversed for some time with the Chen Cinema terrorist in Bangkok before both of them boarded TWA flight 811 for Israel — and may have the answers to how the man got his explosives into Israel.

Habash said he encountered the man at the TWA ticket booth, where he had gone after arriving from Singapore. As they both spoke English, a conversation developed. The traveller, who he noticed, held a Commonwealth passport, said he had also arrived from Singapore. He had been born in Ghana, but lived in Turkey and had been in the Far East.

He told the attorney he planned to stay four days in Israel and then continue on to Paris to spend Christmas with relatives.

When the Israeli asked him where his baggage was, the terrorist said he had it moved directly from his incoming plane (Singapore Airline flight 612) to the TWA one.

(The two men did not continue their talk abroad the flight, as the terrorist preferred the non-smokers' part of the plane.)

It is possible that the TWA security people in Bangkok may have believed the luggage had already been checked at Singapore. But it appears no such check was carried out there, unlike the mandatory reinspection customary in most European transfer points.

Security authorities at Ben-Gurion Airport told "Itim" it would be "madness" to attempt to introduce a large quantity of explosives into Israel by air — basing their belief on the "impermeability" of Israel thanks to TWA's and other airlines' security check-outs. But there is no check on landing: Once here there is nothing to prevent a terrorist from claiming his baggage and stalking through the "nothing-to-declare" customs section with his portable bomb factory.

Some of the components of the terrorist's grenades were obviously of local origin. The only metal parts he would have had to smuggle past metal-detectors in airport security checks would have been detonators, which can be hidden in fountain pens or razors (electric or others). At any rate, the possibility of smuggling explosives into the country — if not arms or worse — seems for the time being still far from sealed off.

Doughnuts and kids at Beit Hanassi

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Songs, smiles and *sufganiot* filled Beit Hanassi yesterday as 92 children and their mothers watched the lighting of the fifth candle of Hanukka along with the President and Mrs. Ephraim Katzir.

The five to 17-year-olds, all children of paratroopers who fell in the Yom Kippur War, visited the President's residence at the end of a two-day excursion to Ein Gedi and Kalia on the Dead Sea arranged by the Defence Forces.

Mrs. Katzir presented each child with a book of songs or stories.

A resplendent table of spinning tops, sweets, fruit juice and doughnuts was arranged by volunteers. Six-year-old Ofer from Tel Aviv was seen stuffing gumdrops and doughnuts into his pocket, saying: "I'm not going to eat them; I'm going to keep them always to remember Beit Hanassi."

Police smash gang of car thieves

The Jerusalem police special squad early yesterday morning smashed a car-stealing gang based in the East part of the city.

The suspects were arrested in a garage in Shu'afat where they allegedly altered the stolen cars. Two cars were found in the garage: a Volkswagen "beetle" and a Willys tender, as well as two scooters and a mobile air compressor.

The police are investigating how the gang marketed the stolen vehicles and checking whether any legitimate dealers were involved.

Man, 80, dies of traffic injuries

TEL AVIV.—A local man, Ezra Ofer, 80, died yesterday of injuries he suffered when he was knocked down by a delivery van on Wednesday as he was crossing Rehov Nes Lagoyim.

Water rates to go up by 'several dozen per cent'

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Domestic water rates are to go up considerably throughout the country, possibly by the end of the month, the Union of Local Authorities decided here yesterday. A uniform nation-wide rate is also to be fixed.

The rises will differ from place to place as practically each local authority has different rates, "but on the whole water will be dearer by some several dozen per cent," the union spokesman said yesterday.

The final price for a cubic metre of water is yet to be fixed but it was already decided that for the first 16 cubic metres which a family uses it will have to pay from IL1.10 to IL1.20. The price will be doubled for every cubic metre over the first 16. The exact price within the above range is to be decided upon in talks next week between the Union, the Water Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture.

The final price is to be uniform for the whole country. At present water prices in the Negev and in the hill regions are much higher than in the coastal plain area and there were three price categories instead of only two as now proposed. The union says that the rise is unavoidable in view of the increase in the cost of equipment and fuel.

The union wants the higher fees to go into effect this month. Otherwise, the union warns, each local council will have to enact special bylaws and the increases will become a political issue with the parties possibly trying to make propaganda capital out of it. This could result in delays of years. The union also wants a uniform wholesale price for water. Each city and local council buys water from Mekorot and acts as a middleman in retailing it to home-owners.

Special allowances will be made for large families. If a family numbers more than six persons, each member, from the seventh on, will be allotted two cubic metres of water in addition to the first 16 c.m. at the same lower price of IL1.10-IL1.20.

Water for gardens will be 60 agora a cubic metre at most and the union wants it lowered even further in order to assure that the towns remain green. It was also proposed that a larger allotment of water for gardening will be made for those settlements in what is considered the drought belt — south of the Gedera-Ashdod road.

Engineer charged with stealing petrol

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — An Israel Aircraft Industries engineer, caught with eight jerrycans of petrol in his car, has been remanded for five days on suspicion of stealing the fuel.

Alexander Leibenson, 35, claimed that he had bought the petrol at a cheap rate of IL2 per litre, but a check showed that it came from the Aircraft Industries fuel depot.

PAYIS WINNERS

The IL500,000 grand prize in the Mifal Hapayis lottery was drawn yesterday by ticket No. 447011.

No. 798801 won IL250,000; No. 480938 won IL100,000;

Nos. 119746 and 481146 won IL50,000.

Nos. 098525 and 150503 won IL12,500.

Nos. 013866, 393355, 696258 and 749383 won IL6,250.

Tickets ending in '8' and '0' won IL8.

Youth jailed for indecent attack

HAIFA. — The Juvenile Court here yesterday sentenced a 16-year-old Majdal Krum youth to six months jail for an indecent act.

The youth was found guilty of having stripped off all his clothes and attacking a woman walking along Rehov Leon Blum. The Judge took a stern view of the action and said that women must be enabled to walk home safely in the evening.

THE SHOW GOES ON—A Chen cinema attendant posts a sign saying "Performances as usual today" following Wednesday night's terrorist bombing there. (Dekel)

Tel Aviv cinema-goers not deterred by attack

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Although cinema trade people yesterday expressed fear that audiences will decline after Wednesday's grenade attack at the Chen cinema, there was little sign of this last night with a check of several cinemas showing ticket sales were up to average.

More than 200 persons — not much below the average audience for a Thursday — attended last night's first show at the Chen Cinema, where security personnel were more in evidence than usual.

Many in the audience were obviously drawn to the theatre out of curiosity; people peered into the back row of the closed-off balcony where the terrorist had sat before taking their seats.

The most commonly heard words before the film started were: "This is the safest cinema in Israel tonight. Nothing will happen here." Many commented that Wednesday night's grenade attack would not deter them from going to the movies as usual.

Quite a few of the audience had been at Wednesday night's ill-fated second performance and returned to see "Flatfoot." Although they had tickets from that show, they preferred to pay rather than enter the movie house "for free."

(The management said the bearer of a ticket stamped for Wednesday's second show would be issued with another.)

All comers to the second show at the Chen got a bonus, a midnight show with top stars, the "Gashashim," Gaddy Yagil, and others. This special free event was organized by producer Avraham Deshe, the Municipality and the cinema itself.

False passport

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two; his body will be flown to England shortly. The other person killed, Sarah Shuchman, lived at 24 Rehov Rashi in Ramat Gan.

Police arrived at the scene a few minutes after the explosion, but most of the wounded had already been sent to hospital (all were evacuated within 15 minutes after the explosions). Police cordoned off the area and began an intensive search; there were several arrests made, some of them to protect Arab-looking persons from being mishandled by hotheaded youngsters. All these arrested were released by yesterday noon.

Nitzav Ofer said the cinema spectators had not panicked — although a few were injured while rushing to get out of the cinema — and that the crowd which gathered immediately after the explosion was well-behaved. However, the "second wave" of spectators and rubber-necks, who arrived about 20 to 30 minutes after the explosion, were "rowdy" and did little to help the police investigation. They parked in the middle of the street, blocking traffic, and causing huge traffic jams.

The terrorist had arrived on TWA flight 811 on Wednesday morning and told his taxi driver to take him directly to the Commodore Hotel. The reception clerk, who gave him room 401, said that he did not look suspicious at all; the clerk noticed that the terrorist's suitcase carried a security-check slip.

(Curiously enough, the French couple Edith and Pierre Buchholter, who some years ago also came to Israel for terrorist activities, also tried to book rooms at the Commodore. But as it was full they went to the Basel. They were arrested at the Commodore some days later when they went to check again for vacancies.)

The Commodore's manager, Mr. Maurice Sharon, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the terrorist told the bell hop — who had remarked that he looked tired — "I've been flying 14 hours" in excellent English, "without any Middle East accent." He did not tip the bell hop, saying he did not have any "small change." He rested during most of the day, but evidently went out for a walk during the day.

Although the terrorist passed through Lod Airport, talked to the cabby, was at the hotel, apparently went to the Ordan Cinema — and evidently passed the Haga security check there and at the Cren—nobody thought he acted or looked suspicious. The failure of the Haga guards to spot anything suspicious has led the police to set up a committee of investigation. However, up to now Haga has very rarely indulged in body searches.

The Haga men now on duty at the Chen — the former ones wound up their tour of duty on Wednesday night — said yesterday that they had not received any instructions to conduct a body check — the only type of search which would have revealed the grenades on the terrorist.

Tractorist's lunch caused woman's death

HAIFA. — A Nazareth Tractor driver was yesterday fined IL6,000 and had his licence suspended for three years by the Haifa traffic court for causing the death of a woman and injuring her child. Abdel Hafez Aloush, 40, was found responsible for running over the woman and her child, because his lunch parcel, which he had placed under the brake pedal of his tractor, prevented him from stopping his vehicle in time.

The run-away tractor also hit and injured a motorist after running over the woman.

15 YOUNG Jerusalemites who are learning carpentry after completing their army service recently donated to the Paratroopers 50 wooden folding tables and 100 folding chairs they made.

ISRAEL WEEKLY LOTTERY 1st PRIZE HALF MILLION
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Rabinowitz, Meshel clash on c-o-l

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz yesterday called on his Labour Alignment "to slaughter the sacred cow of the automatic cost-of-living allowance mechanism" as he considered it distorted the wage structure and harmed the economy.

He told the revived Alignment Economic Affairs Committee that a prime target for his Ministry would be an overdue reform of the tax and wage structures.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel objected to all the sins of the economy being blamed on the C-o-L allowance payment. He was prepared to have its structure analysed but on no account would the Histadrut countenance its abolition. It was, he insisted, the only instrument that protected workers' purchasing power and preserved the country from greater social ferment as the inflationary spiral continued soaring.

Mr. Meshel told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he hoped that next Thursday the cost-of-living allowance payment issue will be settled "and then we can get down to more serious matters." He trusted that the tripartite forum of the Government, the Histadrut and the employers will find a satisfactory *modus vivendi*.

The Histadrut chief said the Government wants the Histadrut unilaterally to consent to extending the collective agreements until the end of 1975; the employers are ready to renew the agreements for half a year on condition that the C-o-L allowance is not payable on fringe benefits. The Histadrut rejects both proposals, "but this does not mean that we reject entirely out of hand the proposal for an extension until the end of 1975."

Mr. Meshel explained: "We do not seek a package deal, we want something more flexible — an all-inclusive arrangement encompassing taxes, prices, profits, as well as wages."

Meshel said: "We told them we agree on condition the Government answers a number of questions — What they intend doing about the compulsory loans which expire on March 31, 1975? What kind of tax reform do they have in mind? What about VAT? What about spreading the burden on those who made profits out of devaluation? What about the bill for imposing interest payment on income tax debts of businessmen estimated at IL2,000m.?"

Icecream up 37%

The Price Review Board yesterday approved the following price increases: icecream — 36.5 per cent; Krembo chocolate puff—30 per cent; curtaining and rubber products — 17.6 per cent.

The increases include the eight per cent increases posted immediately after the devaluation.

Young mother suspect in burglary

HAIFA. — A young mother was remanded into 15 days custody by the Magistrate's Court here yesterday on suspicion of housebreaking.

Police claim that Sara Haroush, 20, and another woman on Tuesday morning broke into a house in Rehov Nahshon. Surprised by the owners, the two women fled, but Sara was apprehended by the householders who chased after her.

She told the court that her husband had left her penniless and that she had to support her baby alone.

'Jerusalem syllabus' sought for Arab pupils

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A special curriculum may be drawn up for East Jerusalem high schools to replace the present one which combines the Israel and Jordanian curricula. Pupils, parents and teachers recently complained that the combined programme was too heavy a load and that in any case only a small minority of pupils take the Hebrew option which leads to the Israeli *bagrut* and entitles them to enter an Israel university.

Education Minister Aharon Yadlin said this week that the solution to the problem could not be found in adopting the Jordanian syllabus in East Jerusalem, but that a specially drawn up "Jerusalem curriculum" was called for.

A committee appointed a month ago to investigate the problem recommended this week that pupils be given the choice of studying according to the Israel or Jordanian syllabus. The three principals of East Jerusalem high schools on the committee voted for the separate streams; the representative of the Education Ministry, Zalman Salah, a Druse, and Jerusalem municipality official M. Shraga, voted against the split. The Education Minister and Municipal officials are now studying the committee's recommendation, the Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The curriculum questions was raised this week in the Knesset by Zevulun Hammer (NRP) and Geula Cohen (Likud). Observers point out that the problem is an old one and that its emergence now is in no way connected with recent developments at the UN.

East Jerusalem has some 2,500 pupils in junior high schools teaching grades seven to nine, while two high schools with about 600 pupils also teach grades 10 to 12. The separate streams proposed by the committee would start with grade seven.

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Yugoslavs out of PEN congress

By MOSHE KOHN
Jerusalem Post Literary Editor

No Yugoslav writers are expected to participate in the 39th P.E.N. International Congress opening in Jerusalem on Monday.

The Yugoslav P.E.N. Centre has informed the International President, British writer V.S. Pritchett, that it will send no delegates, in protest against the Congress' venue in Israel, with which Yugoslavia has had no diplomatic relations since the Six Day War, and against prepared reports by some P.E.N. centres which, it said, include "assessments and stands" which do not depict correctly "cultural and social circumstances in Europe and in the world, and particularly in" Yugoslavia.

Originally, the list of participants published by the Congress Organizing Committee included two Yugoslav writers — Vasko Popa, who had been invited to be one of the Congress' "guests of honour," and Mira Mihelic. The Congress Chairman, Shamai Golan of Jerusalem, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, that Popa has cabled that he will not come. No word has been received from Miss Mihelic, but she is not expected.

P.E.N. International's General Secretary and Treasurer, England's Peter Elstob, arrived last night to set up the Congress headquarters at Jerusalem's Diplomat Hotel.

(A detailed report appears in today's *Jerusalem Post* Weekend Magazine)

JNF groups arrive from South Africa

Two tour groups sponsored by the Jewish National Fund of South Africa—one of 135 adults and the other of 45 youths — arrived on Wednesday for three weeks of intensive touring and study.

Both groups will visit Moshav Neot Hakikar in the northern Arava, the most recent project to be completed by the JNF of South Africa.

NEWSBRIEFS

JERUSALEM'S NEWEST police station was dedicated yesterday, in the new northern suburb of Neve Ya'acov.

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THE HAIFA branches of the Citizens' Rights Movement and Shinui (Political Change) are to hold a referendum among their members on whether they favour a national merger of the two political parties.

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CURRENCY IN circulation rose this week by IL59,289,589.21, to stand at IL3,377m. Of this IL278m. is backed by gold and the rest by foreign-currency reserves.

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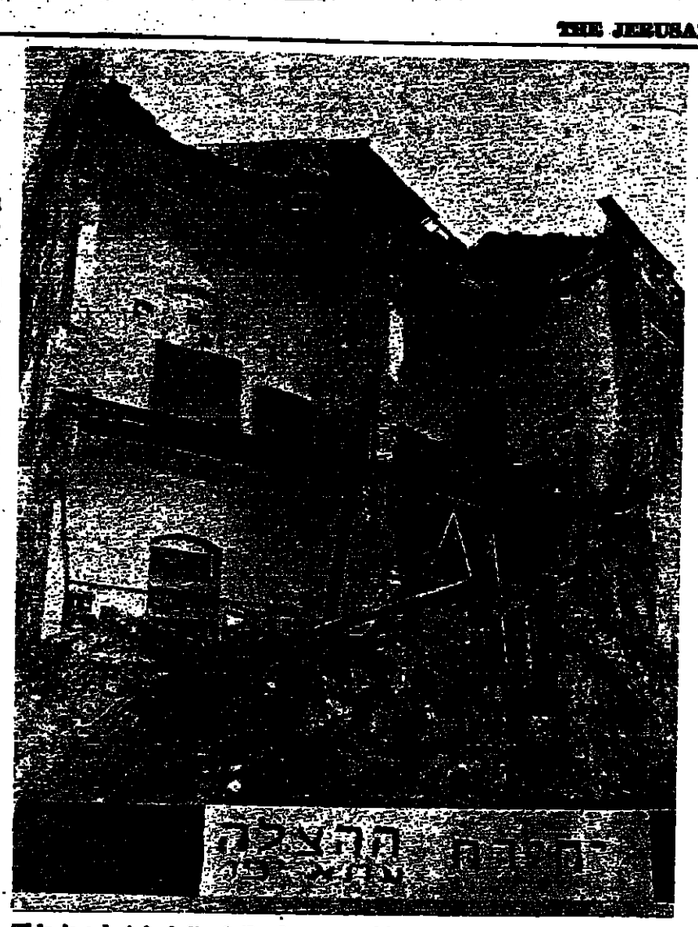
NAHARIYA IS cutting its IL24m. budget by IL1.7m. and stepping up rate collection by over IL700,000. It is hoped to cut an anticipated IL7m. deficit by over IL2m.



This is what is left of the house at 24 Rehov Shabazi, in Tel Aviv, which was undermined by Wednesday's heavy rainfall in the city. Its occupants fled the building shortly before it collapsed. The sign in Hebrew in front of the house reads Rescue Unit of the Tel Aviv-Yafo Municipality. (Adler)

OWNER DEFIED DEMOLITION ORDER FOR TWO YEARS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Municipality is to take action against the owner of the three-storey Rehov Shabazi building which collapsed yesterday.

The building was condemned five years ago, and two years ago a court ordered the landlord to demolish it. He simply ignored it and the Municipality was planning to take him to court, when the building tumbled down, its foundations finally undermined by Wednesday's heavy rain here.

According to the two-year-old court order, the landlord was barred from renting any part of the premises. In fact, according to the Municipality spokesman, he rented the upper floors to Arab workmen.

The only people in the building at the time of the cave-in were employees in workshops on the ground floor.

Ofer can solve problem housing for the needy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Approximately 40,000 families are now living in overcrowded or faulty flats, Housing Minister Avraham Ofer admitted yesterday.

Speaking to members of his staff, he asserted, "These underprivileged people are always the main sufferers in the ups and downs of the building industry. In times of prosperity, housing prices soar and the Government cannot afford to build new flats for these families. When the industry enters a recession, housing starts automatically drop off — and again the poorer classes suffer."

In view of this, Ofer said, he will recommend to the Government that it utilize the current restraint period in the building industry to serve the needs of persons who must be relocated to better housing.

He added: "I will do all in my power to help avert a deep recession in the building trades, such as we experienced in 1966. Then, many skilled workers were thrown out of their jobs. We shouldn't let this recur."

Mr. Ofer said he had instructed his Ministry's planning division to begin issuing tenders for architects and engineers to present specific plans for such housing.

Drier, warmer weekend seen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIT DAGON. — Partly cloudy to sunny skies are forecast for the weekend with rising temperatures. The thermometer may climb to just under 20 in the coastal plain, falling to a low of three at night in the valleys (the Hula Valley, Ramat David in the Jezreel Valley and Northern Sinai).

The forecasters were unwilling to commit themselves beyond the weekend but said stormy weather last reported just off the coast of Italy could hit the Israel coastline early next week.

The heavy rainfall so far this winter has upset statistical averages in most parts of the country. Hatzor, for example, has already had 430 mm. of rain compared with a normal annual average of 482 mm. It received 63 mm. during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. yesterday. Tel Aviv has had 243 mm. compared with a normal annual 504 mm. — that is to say, almost half. Haifa has had 223.7 mm. (yearly average of 508 mm.). Only Jerusalem lags behind with 113.6 mm. Its annual average is 486 mm. Rainfall measured in the Capital during the 24 hours up to yesterday morning was a scant 18 mm.

Hermon snow not up to skiing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NEVE ATIV, Golan Heights. — The ski slopes here were tried out yesterday for the first time this season, and pronounced not yet ready for the public. The try-out was by members of this moshav, who operate the ski run; they said there was still a danger of hitting stones where the snow is not yet thick enough.

Meanwhile hundreds of soldiers and visitors could be seen applying another part of their antomy to the snowy slopes as they tobogganed down on blankets, mattresses and sheets of plastic.

Gadna leaders back colleague in Ma'alot case

TEL AVIV. — The National Council of Gadna Instructors yesterday protested what it termed the "injustice" done by the Lifshitz commission investigating the conduct of teachers during the Ma'alot outrage to Gadna instructor Yona Amrussi, who was in charge of the outing. The commission had scored Amrussi for leaving the school building, but had not included him in the ban from further teaching it recommended for the other two teachers.

The Gadna Council disagreed with the Lifshitz commission's finding that Amrussi acted improperly in leaving the school building to get the weapons kept in a truck parked in the yard. They called on the Education Ministry and the Civil Servants Union to supply funds for legal action, enabling Amrussi to clear his name. *(Itim)*

Voronel gets visa; Shtern trial opens

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — One of the Soviet Union's most renowned Jewish activists, Prof. Alexander Voronel, has been granted an exit visa, it was reliably learned here yesterday. Prof. Voronel and his wife Ninell will have to leave the Soviet Union within a fortnight.

Prof. Voronel is a mathematical physicist and before applying for the exit visa had been employed at the Dubna Centre for Nuclear Research. He is one of Soviet Jewry's foremost intellectuals.

In 1965 he was a defence witness in the trial of writers Sinyavsky and Daniel and this became a turning point in his life. Since then he has been hounded by the authorities. This heightened his Jewish awareness. He applied for an exit permit in January 1972 and was promptly dismissed from his job and barred from participating in international scientific conferences.

Determined to stay active in scientific life, Prof. Voronel initiated scientific seminars in Moscow for Jewish scientists persecuted for their desire to leave for Israel. He also taught Tel Aviv University students by sending them taped lectures with instructions on how to perform experiments.

The Voronels have a son, Vladimir, who is already in Israel.

Another activist who is due in Israel by the end of the month is Victor Polsky, who has also been waging a long campaign to leave the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, reliable sources reported here yesterday that the trial of Soviet physician Michael Shtern opened on Wednesday in the Ukrainian city of Vinnitsa. Dr. Shtern, who is accused of taking bribes, pleaded not guilty and has attempted to impeach a witness brought in as a medical expert on grounds of incompetence.

The trial opened before a courtroom crammed with KGB agents in order to prevent any reports leaking to the outside world. Dr. Shtern refused to cooperate with the court unless his family was present.

ALEXANDER VORONEL

The charge against Dr. Shtern is seen as trumped up in order to punish him for applying for exit permits for Israel, and to intimidate other Jews from so doing. The original charge sheet also included an accusation of poisoning children. It was later deleted by the authorities when charges of blood libel were raised in the West.

Meanwhile, it is learned from Jewish sources in London, that a Moscow court has sentenced Mikhail Leviev, 56, to death for economic crimes. Leviev, who managed a large government store in Bokhara, applied for an exit visa to Israel in 1971, and resigned his job. He received the visa a year later, but was arrested shortly afterwards and has been in jail since.

This week he was put on trial with a group of others accused of economic crimes and was among those condemned to death.

It is reported from Geneva that the International Commission of Jurists yesterday asked the Soviet Union to release the Ukrainian historian Valentyn Moroz, who was imprisoned in 1970 and has been on a hunger strike since July 1 this year.

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Egged delays cut in Haifa bus services

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Egged has delayed its decision to cut by one hour its Saturday morning bus services here, the Egged spokesman Mordechai Shiffman announced yesterday. Next week the bus cooperative will meet the municipality to discuss adjusting the bus services to the new economic situation. The Controller of Road Transport and Mayor Yosef Almogi had pressed Egged not to put the reduction into effect yet.

Egged announced last Monday that it planned to cut bus services "without inconveniencing the public." Its revenue has fallen 12 per cent since the post-devaluation fare increases went into effect, and that on top of a previous 16 per cent decline.

One of the economy measures is to reduce the buying of new buses to replace old vehicles and to adjust the number to the lower number of passengers which is continuing the fall since the Yom Kippur War.

But economists, transport experts and ecologists plead for expanding the bus services in the public interest, and not reducing them. A recent survey of traffic conditions in Haifa by an efficiency expert, Noah Cohen, criticized the bus services' inadequacy and pointed out that it was that factor which had led to the proliferation of private cars and to congestion in the city streets.

Eilat won't pay on Tomer note

TEL AVIV. — The Eilat Municipality yesterday refused in the District Court here to honour a promissory note given to financier Avner Tomer, saying it had been extracted by fraud. (Tomer is currently being held on suspicion of defrauding Eilat of millions of pounds.)

The note had been presented for an execution order by Jacques Conforti. It was the first time a holder of one of the town's notes to Tomer had gone to court for payment.

Eilat said the note, for IL50,000, had been given to Tomer's Bosmat Investment and Financial firm as "security" for an intended loan which was never actually made. Tomer, the town's attorney said, had fraudulently transferred the note to a third party who had no right to present it.

(The town's dispute with the 31-year-old financier concerns a whole series of "duplicate" notes which it says he tricked it into giving him and then sold to other persons.)

The court ordered that the note be held for clarification. Mr. Conforti had not as of yesterday commented on the action. *(Itim)*

New stamps to be issued by the Philatelic Services next month: a IL2.50 stamp designed by A. Calderone commemorating the Hebrew University's jubilee year; a set of three stamps for Tu Bi'Shvat (Jewish New Year of Trees) by the same designer; and three others by A. Berg urging work safety.

Junior tennis

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — After a delay of 48 hours because of incessant rains, the third annual national junior tennis championships finally got under way yesterday morning in pleasant sunshine at the Hapoel and neighbouring clubs here.

But competition was possible only on the club's four asphalt courts, the remaining eight clay ones still being saturated and unfit for play. Neighbouring clubs made a dozen asphalt courts available to make it worthwhile starting the meet at this late stage.

No seeded players were in action in yesterday's first-round matches.

Rugby trials tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Rugby Football Union is holding two trial matches tomorrow in preparation for the following Saturday's fixture between Combined Universities and "The Rest of Israel" in Holon. Both games kick off at 2.30 p.m.

The university trial will be held in Jerusalem, with the 30 contestants coming from the Hebrew and Tel Aviv universities and the Technion.

Venue of the trial for the "Rest of Israel" team is Holon's Kiryat Ha'Sport. Taking part will be players from Holon-Ramat Gan, Haifa and Kibbutz Yizre'el.

New Health Ministry chief:

Pilot projects show way to national health care

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prof. Ya'acov Menczel, who takes over as Director-General of the Health Ministry at the end of this month, believes that in health care we should build on what we have and that progress should be achieved by evolution, rather than by revolution.

Prof. Menczel told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that Health Minister Shemtov's invitation some weeks ago to serve as his director-general came as a complete surprise to him. As head of the internal medicine department at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, "I am involved in clinical medicine, research and teaching, and I am perfectly happy here," he said. "Perhaps it is my special interest in geriatrics and my work here with home-care and day-hospitals which influenced the Minister in his choice," he speculated.

In fact, a survey of Prof. Menczel's recent work makes it easy to understand Mr. Shemtov's choice.

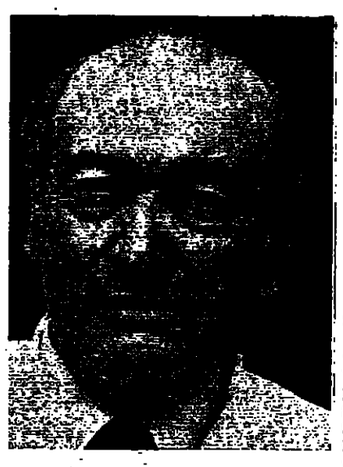
Born in Czernowitz, Rumania, in 1923, Prof. Menczel started his medical studies at the University of Jassy in 1945 and completed them at the Hebrew University in 1951, having come to this country in 1949. He rose steadily in the medical hierarchy at Hadassah Hospital and the University, becoming a full professor earlier this year. He specialized in internal medicine, concentrating his research on geriatrics and osteoporosis, especially fractures of the neck of the femur, which often occur as the result of falls by the elderly.

In 1967, Prof. Menczel accepted the position of head of internal medicine at Shaare Zedek. He built up his department from a 40-bed unit into one with over 100 beds and 25 doctors. He was also instrumental in expanding the hospital's geriatrics department and its home-care and day-hospital projects.

Under the home-care plan, chronically ill patients, many of whom are elderly, receive all their necessary treatment by visiting doctors and therapists at their house. They thus leave hospital beds available for short-term patients with acute illnesses.

The day-care plan is similarly designed to reduce the demand for hospital beds. Ambulances bring patients from their house to the hospital every morning for treatment and return them again at night. While receiving full hospital care, the patients can be put up in special rooms, where some of them occupy armchairs and wheelchairs, rather than hospital beds. Hadassah and Tel Hashomer hospitals have similar projects, the idea of which comes from England.

Prof. Menczel plans to apply his experience in these projects on a national scale in his new post at the Ministry.



Prof. MENCZEL

Another field in which he has worked at Shaare Zedek is the cooperation in neighbourhood clinics belonging to Kupat Holim, but run by local hospitals. The concept has worked out well in Shaare Zedek's pilot clinic in the Romema district of the Capital. Hadassah has plans for its Mount Scopus hospital to operate similar clinics in the Ramot Eshkol and adjacent neighbourhoods and already implements the concept in Beit Shemesh.

In general, Prof. Menczel favours cooperation and even integration of the work of Kupat Holim and the Health Ministry. He favours the abolition of the roster system, by which emergency cases can be handled only by the hospital on duty on a particular day. He points as precedents to the plans for community-integrated medicine of Beersheba University and those of the Poria Hospital near Tiberias, to which his predecessor, Prof. Baruch Padeh, will go after his retirement. Prof. Menczel at present has almost daily meetings with Prof. Padeh, who is familiarizing him with the job. While his appointment officially is from December 1, he will take over fully only at the end of this month.

Prof. Menczel plans to continue with his research in calcium metabolism, in which he is an authority. He usually puts in a 12-hour day at Shaare Zedek, where he arrives at 8 a.m. — having been up for three hours already, reading and writing medical texts.

Prof. Menczel is guarded in his comments on pressing current medical problems. "Come and see me in six months, when I know more about my job," he says. He says that health planning must look ahead as far as 1980 and even 1985, and that hospital construction should not be slowed down on any account. As part of his work at the Ministry Prof. Menczel plans to visit in due course all medical institutions in the country. "I am a clinician and I will soon feel what is wrong in an institution," he said. At Shaare Zedek he has laid special emphasis on the absorption of Russian immigrant doctors.

Prof. Menczel is politically unaffiliated and is non-observant in religious matters. He appreciates the fact that his appointment was apparently not influenced by any political considerations. "My loyalty is to medicine and to all the citizens of Israel, Jews, Moslems or Christians," he said.

Medical journal issued in Gaza

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — The first medical quarterly to be put out here, the "Gaza Medical Bulletin," made its first appearance yesterday. The occasion was marked by a modest ceremony at the Shifa Hospital here, attended by the Military Governor of the area, Tat-Aluf David Maimon; the chief medical officer of the military government, Dr. Israel Klein; and the Gaza Strip director of medical services, Dr. Kheiry Abu Ramadan.

The English-language bulletin is edited by Dr. Botros Sami Aramios, director of the Bureij Hospital in Gaza. The first issue contains case histories, analyses of treatment undertaken and personal notes. It acknowledges a IL200,000 donation by former Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawa for the purchase of medical equipment. It also mentions that Dr. Moussa Saleem el-Hadad has become a member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in London.

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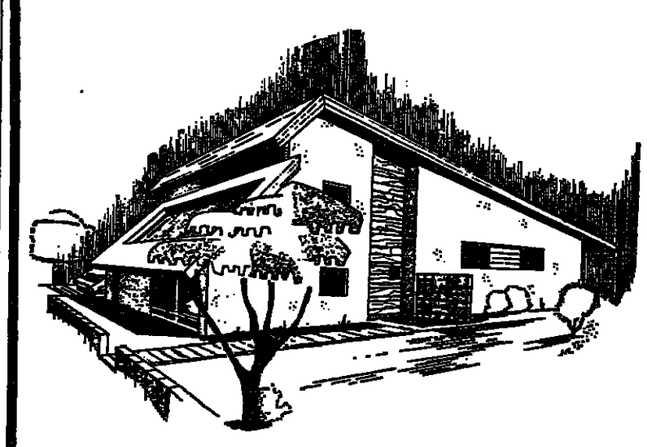

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Harvard University
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NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET

K warns: don't clash with oil producers

BRUSSELS. — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger yesterday warned the West to avoid any confrontation with the Arab oil producers.

Such confrontation could spell disaster for Western Europe and for Japan, Dr. Kissinger told a meeting of Nato foreign ministers here, informed sources said.

Dr. Kissinger told the top-secret meeting that nobody had yet found a way to solve the twin problems of inflation and unemployment.

It was therefore essential for Western nations to maintain the closest possible contacts in their efforts to combat "stagflation," the sources quoted Dr. Kissinger as saying.

At the same meeting West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said economic and political stability was the vital precondition for detente with the Soviet Union.

The impact of the West's economic crisis on the Nato alliance, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, has been the recurring theme of a series of ministerial meetings at Alliance headquarters here this week.

The major concern at Nato is that member states will be tempted to reduce their defence spending to ease the pressure of inflation on their national budgets.

Britain, one of the Nato countries with the gravest economic problems, has already announced a wide-ranging defence review which would reduce its armed forces by 10 per cent in 10 years.

Kissinger also briefed his Nato partners on the Soviet-American Vladisvostok arms accord, and there was general satisfaction with the details he gave, sources said. But in Vienna negotiations on East-West troop cuts in Central Europe ended for 1974 with no agreement in sight. Nato and Warsaw Pact spokesmen said the talks would continue next year. *(Reuter, AP)*

Record trade deficit in U.K.

LONDON. — Britain's foreign trade deficit rose to a record £514m. in November, the Treasury announced yesterday, and the pound sterling hit an all-time low.

It was the third successive day of decline for sterling. The pound came under pressure earlier this week when it was reported that Saudi Arabia no longer wanted sterling to be used alongside the dollar for its oil payments by the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco).

The record increase in the trade deficit was caused by an increase of £50m. in Britain's import bill in November and a drop of almost £40m. sterling in the level of exports.

The previous record deficit of £491m. was set in June.

As usual, invisible earnings — such items as shipping, banking and insurance services — helped to reduce the overall balance of payments deficit.

Invisibles produced a surplus of 110 million sterling, so the full current account deficit was cut to £404m.

In London the pound was $2.30825 in late trading.

On world money markets the French and Swiss francs rose following the Saudi Arabian report on sterling.

A sideline casualty was the U.S. dollar, which lost ground against the West German mark and the French and Swiss francs — the three currencies the Saudis indicated they favoured in return for their oil.

The dollar fell in Paris from 4.52 to 4.4775 francs, its lowest rate in 13 months. *(Reuter, UPI)*

Black Rhodesian leaders

(Continued from page one)

after the initial collapse and that differences separating the two parties had "now been resolved."

He said no preconditions would be attached to the constitutional conference, and this appeared to mark a compromise by the nationalist groups.

Smith did not explain how agreement had been reached, but there was speculation here that Zambian President Kaunda had played a major role in the apparent change of the nationalists' stance. Nor did the Prime Minister spell out when and where the conference would take place. However, it was expected to be mounted with minimum delay, possibly within the next two months.

Informed sources here said British Foreign Secretary James Callaghan might be asked to act as chairman. Callaghan is due to start a six-nation African tour at the turn of the year, and there was strong speculation here that he might now include Rhodesia in his itinerary.

The immediate effect of Smith's speech will be a major change in the political atmosphere here.

Tim Gibbs, leader of the moderate opposition Rhodesia Party, described Smith's speech as "momentous" and a "milestone in Rhodesian history."

He urged all possible cooperation with and encouragement to the major participants in the constitutional conference.

"The mere fact of there being an end in sight is the best Christmas present Rhodesians can have," he said.

In stark contrast, leaders of Rhodesia's two extreme rightwing white parties bitterly condemned Smith. Len Idensohn, president of the Rhodesia National Party (RNP), said the death and suffering inflicted by guerrillas now appeared to have been "sacrificed on the altar of one man's dream of a black-governed Rhodesia."

He said the RNP would not accept Smith's "surrender to terrorism."

William Harper, a leading member of the newly formed United Conservative Party (UCP), described Smith's agreement with the nationalists as "ghastly capitulation."

Mart agreement poses big challenge to Israel

By MORDECHAI ERANN
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The accord reached between Israel and the Common Market on Wednesday presents Israel with both a challenge and an opportunity to greatly increase its exports to Europe.

The agreement calls for lifting of all customs duties on Israeli industrial exports to the nine Mart countries by mid 1977, and reducing the tariff on citrus by 60 to 70 per cent. On the other hand, Israel would remove the customs on imports from the Market countries over a 14-year period: 60 per cent of the imports will have duties reduced between 1977 and 1980, while the other 40 per cent would get a slower reduction, with no duties charged by the end of 1988. These imports, Israel insisted, required a longer period in order to protect new or "sensitive" Israeli industries.

The removal of customs duties will open up a potential market of some 260 million persons to Israeli competition. This will undoubtedly encourage the expansion and development of many industrial projects — but it may well spell the end for some of those catering to local consumption, which will be exposed to European competition.

Currently, Israel imports some $2,000m. worth of goods from the nine European countries involved, while it exports about $750m. to them. While it is possible that removal of the customs barrier will lead to an increase in the imports, Government officials hope that this will be adequately offset by an even larger increase in exports.

Not only must tariff duties be removed, but all administrative limitations must be lifted, as well, by both sides, by 1985.

Israel has been practising a policy of "exposure" of local industry to foreign competition for the past several years, by gradually reducing the duty rates. If this has not been felt by the consumer when purchasing an imported item, it was because of the defence surcharge and high purchase taxes paid on the item in addition to the customs charges. For the purposes of the Mart agreement, the defence levy is considered a customs charge, and will have to be lifted. At the same time, however, the purchase tax, as it exists now, will be history by the time the agreement is in force — it will have been replaced by the Value Added Tax.

The VAT will provide the answer to the problem of losing state revenues from customs. According to the Director of Customs, David Peled, actual customs provided only one quarter of the revenues (estimated at IL1,200m. for the current year) from levies on imports. All nine Mart countries have already instituted the VAT as their answer to the very same problem. And while it is possible for a country operating under the agreement to impose, on a temporary basis, a levy similar to the defence surcharge (in an emergency situation), the adjustment made to satisfy the state revenue needs is made in the rate of the VAT.

Though the agreement has been concluded, it will not be signed for several months yet. It has to be ratified by the legislature of each of the countries involved — though this is seen as merely a formality.

Bomb warning at Opec talks

VIENNA. — A bomb scare and conflicting view on what to do about the price of oil highlighted the opening of a top-level conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna yesterday.

A police spokesman said that an anonymous caller told the Canadian Embassy, located a few floors above Opec headquarters, that "a bomb will explode in 20 minutes." Police experts failed to find any bomb.

The Iranian Oil Minister, Jamshid Amouzegar, who reportedly leads the "hawks" in moves for price rises, said before the morning session that although there would be no immediate increase, prices in the future should be tied to rising western inflation, now at an average 14 per cent.

The Saudi Arabian Oil Minister, Ahmed Zaki Yamani, told newsmen: "I do not expect oil prices to increase." If they did, "we will not join in." *(AP, UPI)*

London blasts were just power failures

LONDON. — Two rush-hour blasts in an electrical junction box near an underground station yesterday evening sent homeward-bound Londoners rushing for shelter. But the blasts — coming less than 24 hours after a bomb attack on the Naval and Military Club in West London — apparently were the result of an electrical failure, Scotland Yard said.

The first explosion injured a postman slightly as he emptied a mail box near Marylebone Station.

Police at first feared the explosion was caused by a bomb and cordoned off the area to prevent injuries as they searched for a possible second bomb.

A policeman suffered slight facial burns when the junction box exploded a second time.

Police in Ireland were searching yesterday for the IRA "chief of staff," David O'Connell, who said in a West German magazine interview published this week that two British soldiers would die for each IRA man executed if Britain restored the death penalty for terrorist murders.

British Members of Parliament faced mounting public criticism yesterday after rejecting demands to bring back the death penalty.

The vote in a packed House of Commons on Wednesday night was 369 to 217, a majority of 152, against restoration of capital punishment for terrorist killers.

The unexpectedly large majority appeared to defy the wishes of much of the public, which wants the penalty brought back to deter terrorism. Home Secretary Roy Jenkins told the House their decision was "dangerously" at odds with public opinion. *(UPI, AP)*

'High prices caused U Thant riot'

RANGOON. — The Burmese capital was reported quiet yesterday as troops enforced martial law, but an American embassy official said casualties in street fighting Wednesday were heavy and thousands were jailed.

Protests by students, workers and Buddhist monks in the Burmese capital erupted after the army's seizure early Wednesday of the body of former UN Secretary-General U Thant.

It was one of the strongest challenges to President Ne Win since he seized power in 1962. U Thant, a political foe of Ne Win, died in New York on November 25. Opposition to the government was not ideological, but due to rising prices and widespread economic hardship, it was stated.

Huge crowds of students and Buddhist monks seized U Thant's coffin from the funeral procession last Thursday, charging that the government was not paying him suitable homage, and interred it Sunday in a tomb on the Rangoon University campus. Ne Win sent the army into the campus to recover the body after crowds flocked there to pay homage at the tomb.

While Thant's body was hurriedly placed in a new tomb near the Shwedagon, the country's holiest shrine, troops swept through the campus, arresting students. Later, crowds of people started roaming the city of Rangoon, burning public buildings and police stations.

A 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew was later imposed on the city.

Rangoon airport was closed to international traffic for at least two days, according to reports here yesterday. *(AP, Reuter)*

Saigon copter with 50 men 'shot down'

SAIGON (AP). — A South Vietnamese helicopter carrying 50 soldiers is reported to have been downed by a Communist missile in the border area yesterday.

Several military and commercial aircraft have been shot down in the border region by heat-seeking Strela missiles during the past year.

The Communist command intensified its attacks throughout South Vietnam a week ago, concentrating on the Mekong Delta, in what military analysts said was a campaign to inflict heavy losses on the Saigon army and to expand territorial and population control.

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Where Else?

IL550 raised at Hanukka party

The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund netted IL550 from a Hanukka celebration with a Moroccan flavour at the Centre for Conservative Judaism in Jerusalem on Wednesday night. The Marciano family (of which Sa'adia Marciano of the Black Panthers is a member) performed Oriental melodies for the audience, explained Hanukka customs in Morocco and displayed antique *hanukkiot*. The Ashkenazi guests responded by singing the familiar Hanukka songs to their tunes.

Mailbags of yesterday brought in IL2,884.26. That brings the total so far to IL75,634.71. We still have lots to do.

As you light the 6th and 7th Hanukka candles tonight and tomorrow, put a thought into action and mail your contribution to the 26th drive of *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem.

Yesterday's list of contributors includes:—

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$30 — Blanche and Louis C. Carr, Houston, Texas.

$35 — Mark and Masha Siegel, Teaneck, N.J.

$18 — Alex and Sara Fax, age 4 and 1, Newton Centre, Mass. — to all the children of Israel, a happy Hanukka. For our children and grandchildren in Israel and the U.S. — D and S. Sklar, Shirley M. Weiss, Hillside, N.Y.

$15 — Lily Rothman, Montreal, Canada.

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IL60 — Yaalah Yacoby, Rehovot — in memory of my parents Louis and Jennie Goldberg. Anonymous, Kfar Blalik. Nora Kronstein, Ramat Chen — in memory of Elsie Myers late of New York.

IL48 — In memory of Ted Lurie, who would have been 65 this month, and of our 43-year-long warm friendship — Julian Meltzer, Jerusalem and Rehovot.

IL36 — Alice Heskiahu, Rishon Lezion in memory of my beloved husband Naftali, who was killed in action in the Yom Kippur War. In memory of Haim Krongold — from Rosa and the whole family.

$5 — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Raab, Brooklyn — in honour of Vivian and Shoshana. Elliot M. Helfand, Richfield Springs, N.Y.

IL30 — Lili Noyman, Tel Aviv. O.G., Bat Galim. In Memory of Oded who fell in the Six Day War — from Miki and Talia. Max Singer, Haifa.

IL25 — Klara and Joseph Ringler — for their grandson Eviatar, Montreal. A. Brauer, Kiryat Bialik. Mr. and Mrs. E. Bernstein, Tel Aviv. For Naom and Golan, Nahariya. In memory of my parents Otto Mayer and Paula Mayer (Nee Blum, Dusseldorf) who both died in Theresenstadt) — he would have been 100 years old in March and she 97 in December 1975 — Uriel Kurt Mayer. Aliza and Dr. Shlomo Blumenthal, Kiryat Tivon.

IL20 — In memory of Kurt Gottesmann. Instead of a birthday present to Kate R. from D.H., Jerusalem. Shiretz, Givatayim.

IL18 — For Sabba and Oma and Grandpa and Grandma from Mo-Mo, Avi and Hiddai Wagschal. Hai for Noa, Hadaya, Yochai, Yaacov, Shabta and Ben-Ami.

IL16 — E. and A. Hildesheimer, Jerusalem — for their 16 grandchildren.

IL15 — Grandparents Grossman of Kiryat Tivon — in honour of our 5 jewels in Israel and the U.S. — Sheila, Anita and Carolyn Koss, U.S. and Naava and Yechiam Ram, now serving in the IDF and from Eilat.

IL10 — In memory of Omi. Mrs. Sherker. Gesher Haziv.

IL9 — In memory of their beloved grandmother Rachel Solomon — best wishes from Yoel Ben Ari, Ramat Gan. Michal and Boaz, New Zealand together with their cousin Doron Carmel of Petah Tikva.

Unfair to men soldiers

FRANKFURT (AP). — A U.S. Army officer who says the army's regulations on hair length discriminate against men went on trial here yesterday for failure to obey an order and get a haircut.

If the general court-martial returns a guilty verdict against 1st Lt. Mathew R. Carroll, 26, he can be sentenced to five years in prison and dismissed from the army.

Lt. Carroll maintains the army's haircut policy violates his freedom of expression and is a form of sex discrimination, because long hair is permitted for women members of the service.

Giscard defends independent Israel

PARIS (JTA). — President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, in a letter to the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen, has declared that peace in the Middle East requires the political independence and territorial integrity of the State of Israel. The letter was in response to one sent by Jacques Orgus, president of the servicemen's group, expressing the group's "bitterness" over the French vote at the UN on the Palestine Liberation Organization.

SPORTS ABROAD — BERNIE BERNIKER

Martinez takes world bantamweight title

RODOLFO MARTINEZ of Mexico won the world bantamweight title in Mexico City from compatriot Rafael Herrera when the referree stopped the fight in the fourth round.

Martinez, beaten by Herrera in a fight for the vacant World Boxing Council (WBC) championship last year, got his revenge with a vicious right hook which put his opponent on the canvas.

Herrera was up again at the count of four but despite his strong protests the referee sent the groggy fighter back to his corner and declared 26-year-old Martinez the winner.

TRACK & FIELD

JULIE BROWN, 19, a student at the University of California-Los Angeles, ran three miles in 15 minutes, 43.3 seconds on Sunday in Los Angeles, to set a world record for women.

The lean 104-pounder bettered by 5.3 seconds the previous best for a three-mile run by a woman. In 1969, Italy's Paola Pigni ran the distance in 15:48.6. Miss Brown held the previous American record, 16:08.0.

GOLF

AMERICAN JOHNY MILLER shot a brilliant five-under-par 67 and won the $170,000 Dunlop Phoenix gold tournament by an overwhelming seven-stroke margin, in Miyazaki, Japan on Sunday.

Miller, 27, who won a record $346,933 this year on the U.S. tour, had a 14-under-par 274 total on the 7,012-yard (6,411m.) par 72 72 Phoenix Country Club course in sunny weather.

He shot three successive rounds of a three-under-par 69 and started Sunday's final round with a three-stroke lead over American Gary Sanders. He won first-prize money of $33,333.

Taiwan's Lu Liang-huan, who played in the last threesome with Miller and Juo Chi-hsiung, also of Taiwan, shot a two-under-par 70 for a seven-under 281 and won second-prize money of $19,000.

SOCCER

WATCH OUT FOR left-footed Graham Paddon, midfield star of West Ham soccer team. He could be in the England squad before long.

He's one of the key men behind West Ham's spectacular improvement this season. For the first time for many years, the East London team is challenging for the championship.

West Ham kept up the challenge Saturday with a 2-1 win over Leeds, and Paddon started it with a cleverly flighted corner from the left from which Bobby Gould scored.

BRITISH SOCCER STANDINGS
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Stoke City	21	10	7	4	36	25	27
Everton	20	7	12	1	29	19	26
Man City	21	11	4	6	29	27	26
Liverpool	20	10	5	5	27	16	25
West Ham U.	21	10	5	6	39	30	25
Ipswich	21	11	2	8	28	18	24
Burnly	21	10	4	7	39	32	24
Derby County	20	8	7	5	34	29	23
Middlesbrough	20	8	6	6	28	26	22
Newcastle U.	20	8	6	6	28	28	22
Sheffield Utd.	20	8	5	7	29	33	21
Leeds Utd.	21	8	4	9	21	34	20
Birmingham C	21	8	4	9	31	32	20
Wolverhampton	20	6	8	6	24	26	20
Tottenham H	21	7	5	9	27	37	19
Coventry City	21	5	8	8	28	30	18
Queen's Pk R	21	6	5	10	22	30	17
Arsenal	20	6	4	10	24	27	16
Chelsea	20	4	8	8	31	35	16
Carlisle Utd	21	6	3	12	19	25	15
Leicester C	19	5	5	9	20	27	15
Luton Town	20	1	7	12	17	33	9

FOOTBALL

WASHINGTON QUARTERBACK Billy Kilmer riddled the Los Angeles Rams with three touchdown passes and set up a field goal, leading the Redskins to a 23-17 victory and a spot in the national football league playoffs Monday night.

The Redskins' triumph eliminated both Dallas and Detroit from wild-card contention in the national conference and pulled Washington into a tie with St. Louis for first place in the east division with one game remaining.

NFL STANDINGS
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
X-Miami	10	3	0	.769	283	189
Y-Buffalo	9	4	0	.692	250	223
New England	7	6	0	.538	321	255
N.Y. Jets	6	7	0	.462	234	262
Baltimore	2	11	0	.154	182	284
Central						
X-Pittsburgh	9	3	1	.731	278	186
Cincinnati	7	6	0	.538	280	232
Houston	6	7	0	.462	208	258
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	227	316
West						
X-Oakland	11	2	0	.846	328	206
Denver	7	6	1	.577	303	277
Kansas City	5	8	0	.385	218	258
San Diego	4	9	0	.308	195	285

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Y-St. Louis	9	4	0	.692	259	204
Y-Washington	9	4	0	.692	278	196
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	274	203
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	214	200
N.Y. Giants	2	11	0	.154	181	373
Central						
X-Minnesota	9	4	0	.692	275	180
Detroit	7	6	0	.538	339	342
Green Bay	6	7	0	.462	207	196
Chicago	4	9	0	.308	153	237
West						
X-Los Angeles	9	4	0	.692	244	167
San Francisco	5	8	0	.385	191	215
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	248	229
Atlanta	2	11	0	.154	101	268

X-Clinched division title.
Y-Clinched playoff spot.

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Desperados take over Lebanese bazaar

By ALY MAHMOUD

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (AP). — A gang of heavily-armed desperados, their leader wanted on eight counts of murder, have taken over the central market area of Lebanon's second largest city defying the government, troops and police to root them out.

The outlaws, 35 strong, have turned the souk into a barricated fortress. Their arsenal includes Soviet-made Strela anti-aircraft rockets, heavy mortars, machineguns, anti-tank guns and Kalachnikov rifles.

The gang leader, who reigns in the 800 by 400 metre souk as dictator, judge and military commander-in-chief, is Ahmed Kaddour, wanted on 42 counts including eight of first-degree murder.

Recently police stormed the souk area but were repulsed in a vicious firefight. Almost nightly skirmishes take place. Eight persons have been killed since Kaddour's wild bunch took over the souk eight months ago.

Despite the fatalities, which included a seven-year-old girl, and the atmosphere of violence, the gang feels at home. "The residents of the souk sympathize with us," Kaddour said in an interview. Behind a pile of sandbags at his headquarters in the small mosque of Al Taher, holding an automatic rifle, he said, "We never threaten their safety nor take money from them. The father of the little girl who was killed told me he would sell all he owned and give us money to buy more guns and ammunition."

"We protect the souk and the people here protect us," said Faisal Atrash, 24, Kaddour's chief lieutenant.

Kaddour's claim of support was reinforced when he took a walk through his turf, roaming the narrow alleyways grinning and waving to merchants and passersby. The shopkeepers went about their normal business and he seemed to be warmly greeted. Kaddour's henchmen, on sentry duty at posts in high buildings, saluted his march by with a fusillade of shots. Kaddour raised his hand in the V-for-Victory sign.

Kaddour claims that he and his men would give up if guaranteed a fair trial. "I would rather die behind these barricades than surrender to injustice," he said. He said many of the charges against him and his gang are true, but many are fabricated to damage their image. Kaddour has spent 30 months in jail where, he said, "they treat you like animals."

A year ago he shot his way through a roadblock and escaped. In April he and his gang took over the souk, a fugitive's paradise with tiny streets, winding stone stairways and underground escape tunnels.

A wall in Kaddour's headquarters is decorated with a portrait of the late Egyptian President Gamal Nasser, slogans of the October Movement, a Tripoli political party, and girlie pinups.

Kaddour made a show of removing the nude pictures saying, "let us not blemish our cause with these nude pictures. We are fighting to liberate the poor and oppressed. We are not morally degenerate.

"The government's policy," he said, "is one of vendetta of the rich against the poor." He claimed that he and his band of outlaws are members of "the October Movement," which is led by a wealthy politician named Farouk Mokaddem.

Mokaddem, whose followers give Nazi style salutes, defended Kaddour's lawless attitude. "I would never arrest him nor advise him to surrender, because I know there is no such thing as a fair trial in Lebanon.

"There is a trial for rich, a trial for the poor, and a trial for people from (President Suleiman Franjieh's hometown of) Zgharta. A poor man will get a life sentence for murder, a Zgharta man will get two years and will probably be amnestied. Lebanon is a very strange country. The poor are crushed by the rich," said Mokaddem.

Prime Minister Rashid Solh announced the fugitives' case was being studied, and the outlaws said they were hopeful he would pardon them or, at least, promise them a fair trial.

There are also reports the government is planning an all-out military assault. "It would be a blood bath," said one Tripoli resident.

Outlaw leader Ahmed Kaddour brandishes a Kalachnikov assault rifle while his lieutenant, Faisal Atrash, waves a pistol as they pose for pictures in Tripoli's souk, which they control. Tailor Omar Bahim, right, appears unconcerned as he steps out of his shop. (AP radiophoto)

PARIS WANTS SUPPORT FOR WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE

Martinique summit could mark U.S.-French reconciliation

By JOSEPH KRAFT

PARIS. — Valery Giscard d'Estaing has gone out on a limb with his proposal for a trilateral international conference on energy. A little sawing by U.S. President Gerald Ford at their meeting in Martinique this weekend could cause the French President a painful tumble.

But it is time to introduce some generosity into Franco-American relations. The right American move would be to accept the proposal in principle and to seek in exchange a more cooperative French position on energy problems in general and on the Arab-Israel conflict in particular.

D'Estaing's proposal is basically that there be an early meeting among oil producers, the developed countries and the underdeveloped nations. Among other things, the conference would try to stabilize, and perhaps lower, the price of oil; arrange for recycling, or reinvestment, of the massive sums now being accumulated by the oil producers, and try to link oil prices to the prices of other commodities.

The first trouble with this proposal is that there has been little preparation among the developed nations. A plan proposed by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger for joint action is just getting off the ground. But there is no agreement on the right price to seek, or how it would be related to other commodities, still less on who would bear the risks of financing the huge flow of oil moneys. At least part of the reason for the lack of progress is that France, alone among the major developed countries, has refused to join the international energy agency proposed by Kissinger.

A second set of difficulties relates to the poorest countries such as India, which cannot afford to pay for food, let alone meet their oil bills. The American position has been that financial help to these countries should come from the oil producers with their tremendous new wealth. The tripartite conference would make it easy for the poorest countries to demand that their bills be paid by the rich oil consumers, notably the U.S. and West Germany, through the device of recycling.

A third set of troubles relates to the oil producing countries. Some of them, at least, are deliberately trying to use the oil weapon to win political gains for the Arabs over Israel and for the less developed countries over the developed countries. The oil producers most aggressive in this respect are precisely the two with which France is most closely connected — Algeria and Iraq.

Given all these difficulties, it has to be asked why the French President even bothered to make the proposal. The answer seems to be that it was a way of asserting French influence — a matter of special political importance here in view of the feeling among many of the President's Gaullist supporters that he was not following the late General's lead in international affairs.

For Americans it is tempting, in these conditions, to reject the French proposal flatly, thus exposing the vanity of Gaullist pretensions. But d'Estaing is going to be around for a long time to come. While he has shown himself to be far more Gaullist in foreign policy than many of his American admirers predicted, it is still possible that he will take his distances from some of the General's more anti-American positions. Certainly a rebuff from the U.S. at this point would only make the French President more dependent on the Gaullists.

So it makes sense for the U.S. to accept the proposal in principle, thus handing d'Estaing a sort of international triumph for France. But it also makes sense for Ford to ask two things in return.

First, France ought to start cooperating with the developed countries in preparing the trilateral conference. That means working out joint positions which prevent the underdeveloped countries from in effect raiding the U.S., Japan and Europe.

Secondly, France ought to cut out the vast inflation of the PLO terrorist group and its leader Yasser Arafat which has done so much damage to Kissinger's efforts for a settlement in the Middle East. In particular, the French ought to be asked to assert their unequivocal support for the integrity of Israel.

The French President has recently been telling visitors that he is different from General de Gaulle in not being subject to a visceral anti-Americanism. Martinique ought to be the occasion where the U.S. makes it possible for him to make good that claim. *(Copyright)*

Giscard leaves

PARIS (UPI). — President Valery Giscard d'Estaing left for the Antilles Islands in the Caribbean yesterday to meet for the first time with U.S. President Gerald Ford to appeal for steps to end the American recession and to sort out differences over energy policy.

French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues and U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger met for more than an hour in Paris yesterday to prepare for the Martinique meeting.

Iran troops fighting in Oman

MUSCAT (Reuter). — Iranian forces are still fighting alongside Omani forces in the south of the sultanate, the Defence Ministry here has disclosed — two months after the government said that Iranian troops had withdrawn. The ministry reported yesterday that nine Iranians were killed and one was missing after an ambush in the south-western mountains, where government forces launched a new campaign against leftist guerrillas on December 2.

Last October 10, Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Gais Abdul-Moinim al-Zawawi, summoned diplomats in Muscat to his office and told them the Iranians were being withdrawn — the operation was already under way — as they had performed their function in holding certain defence positions in the south and training Omanis to replace themselves.

Speaking against a background of strong Arab criticism at Oman's resort to non-Arab forces in its decade-old war with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO), Zawawi said then:

"I would like to emphasize that Omani forces are now, at this very moment, taking over those positions which previously were occupied by the Iranian forces, who are now returning to their country."

The admission that the Iranians were still involved in direct action against the PFLO, in a determined campaign to clear the guerrillas from territory adjacent to their supply bases in South Yemen, is expected to bring new protests from other Arab countries.

Syrian Air Force bigger than ever

Arab states 'double' Cairo's Mirages

WASHINGTON (AP). — Wealthy oil-producing Arab countries have doubled the number of French Mirage fighter-bombers they are buying for Egypt's Air Force, U.S. intelligence sources report.

They say Kuwait and Abu Dhabi are paying for a new order of 36 Mirages for Egypt. France has started delivery on a previous Saudi Arabian purchase of 36 of the fighter-bombers for the Egyptian Air Force.

Analysts believe the three rich Arab countries are providing the 72 Mirages in part to encourage Egypt from turning again to Russia for arms.

Russia stopped sending Cairo new military equipment last April after the two countries quarrelled over Egypt's renewed and closer relations with the U.S. But Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev is due to visit Cairo next month and some U.S. analysts suggest this could lead to improved Soviet-Egyptian relations and a fresh flow of arms to Egypt.

U.S. intelligence sources say the Egyptians have not yet made up for all the 120 planes they lost in the Yom Kippur War.

At the same time, the Russians have built the Syrian Air Force to its biggest size ever, sources say. The 450 Syrian military aircraft reportedly include 45 Mig 23s, Russia's most advanced fighter. According to recent intelligence reports, the Russians also have strengthened Syria's missile firepower with significant shipments this fall.

The Syrians are said to have received 10 more Soviet Scud B missiles, giving them a total of 40 of these weapons, which experts say could hit some Israeli population centres within their 256-km. range.

Sources say the Russians have provided Syria with 35 more Frog 7 missiles with a range of 64 km. This brings Syria's strength in these weapons to 150.

In addition, the Soviets are reported to have given more muscle to Syria's air defences by shipping in 70 new Sam 6 anti-aircraft missiles. These weapons caused heavy Israeli losses in the early days of the war.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon declined to comment on a report that a formal offer has been made to sell Israel 48 F15s, the U.S. Air Force's newest fighter now entering service.

The U.S. has been maintaining a steady flow of military equipment to Israel and experts say Israel is now stronger than before the last war.

African island wants to joint Arab League

CAIRO (AP). — Comoro Island, a tiny French colony in south-east Africa inhabited mainly by Arab Moslems, is seeking membership in the Arab League, a league spokesman said on Wednesday.

A plebiscite on the island on December 22 will determine whether it remains under French rule or becomes independent. Once the results are known, the issue can be considered, the spokesman said.

Feisal wants mosque on Rome hill

ROME (UPI). — King Feisal of Saudi Arabia has allotted $7m. to build a mosque in Rome, and may increase his contribution if contributions from other Moslem countries prove insufficient, the Saudi Arabian Embassy said yesterday.

Ambassador Sheikh Ahmed Abdul-Jabbar said the money will be made available as soon as Italian authorities give final approval for the mosque, which will be the first Moslem place of worship in the capital of Roman Catholicism. Diplomatic sources said the King's move seemed calculated to prod Italians to remove any remaining bureaucratic obstacles to the project.

The Saudi Arabian king has long championed the Mosque project. The Vatican, unofficially approached on the subject, once suggested that Saudi Arabia reciprocate by allowing construction of a Roman Catholic Church in Mecca; but it then dropped the request when the Saudis pointed out that their sacred city is off-limits to non-Moslems.

The Rome City Council earlier this year gave approval in principle for the mosque to be built on the Monte Antenne, a wooded hill on the northern outskirts of the city.

But the project ran into heavy objections from conservationists who said the mosque would spoil one of the few green spaces left in Rome and create traffic problems. They said some more central site would be more suitable.

In addition to its more than 500 Roman Catholic churches, Rome has 15 Protestant churches and one Russian Orthodox church, and one synagogue.

Six saints in one year

VATICAN CITY (UPI). — Pope Paul VI yesterday announced that he will proclaim six new saints, including the first U.S. native to be canonized, during the 1975 Holy Year.

The 77-year-old pontiff, marking the 20th anniversary of his ordination as Archbishop of Milan, told scarlet-robed Cardinals in a special consistory that he hoped the examples of the new saints would help bring better days for the Church and the world.

The American saint to be is the Blessed Mother Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, a Protestant-born widow from New York who founded the Order of the Sisters of Charity and pioneered the now-faltering U.S. parochial school system. She will be canonized next September 14.

Also to be canonized is the Blessed Oliver Plunkett, a Primate of Ireland who was hanged, drawn and quartered near London in 1681.

The other new saints are Vicenza Maria Lopez Vicuna, a Spanish nun, Juan Bautista de la Concepcion, the Spanish 18th century founder of the Holy Trinity for the Redemption of Prisoners; Juan Macias, a 17th century Peruvian; and Giustino de Jacobis, an Italian Missionary who died in Abyssinia in 1860.

The canonizations will be spread out through the Holy Year.

Cairo deal to make army equipment reported

CAIRO (Reuter). — A meeting between President Sadat and representatives of a foreign company has touched off speculation here that Egypt may be negotiating a deal to manufacture military electronic equipment.

The meeting, first reported on Tuesday night, was attended by two senior military figures and a high-ranking adviser to Saudi Arabia's King Faisal, who is likely to be a major financial backer for Arab defence industry projects.

The firm was described only as the "Thomson Company for Electronic Industries." Its exact identity remains a mystery.

The French company Thomson CSF is a leading manufacturer of navigational equipment, including radar for military and civil use, and observers here speculated this might be the firm concerned.

The company has a British subsidiary, but both the French and British embassies on Wednesday denied knowledge of any delegation of this kind from their countries.

Besides President Sadat, the meeting was attended by the Egyptian Chief of Staff Lieut. Gen. Abdel Ghani Gamassi, War Production Minister Ahmed Kamel Badri, and Kamal Adham, adviser to King Faisal.

The presence of these three men left little doubt that the meeting was concerned with a military industrial project to be financed at least partly by Saudi Arabia.

They also attended in September a meeting with Reginald Andersen, an assistant under-secretary at the British Defence Ministry, at which a helicopter-building project was understood to have been discussed.

Informed sources said there could be new developments shortly in this proposed deal, under which Egypt would assemble Westland-Aerospatiale Lynx helicopters.

Arabs buy $100m. Canadian bonds

VICTORIA, British Columbia (AP). — Premier Dave Barrett confirmed Wednesday the sale of $100m. worth of British Columbia hydro bonds to an oil-rich Arab country.

He said British Columbia is the second Canadian province to borrow from the Middle East countries, but would not divulge which other province had used Arab financing.

The Premier said the utility would use the borrowed money on Peace River and Columbia River hydro-electric development. He would not name the Arab country involved.

Mills' friend over-exposed

SANFORD, Florida (UPI). — Stripper Fanne Foxe, the "Tidal Basin Bombshell," was arrested at a topless nightclub early yesterday and accused of dancing bottomless.

The Seminole County sheriff's office said Miss Foxe—who achieved fame by jumping out of Representative Wilbur Mills' car — was arrested at the end of her act at the Club Juana on a charge of "indecent exposure of sexual areas or going naked in a public or private place."

A spokesman said that meant she was "dancing bottomless." The dancer was released an hour and a half later on $500 bond.

The Argentine-born stripper, whose real name is Anabel Battistella, made news on October 7 when she leaped from Mills' car into the Washington Tidal Basin. Since then things have not gone well for the elderly chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee. He has let it be known from Bethesda Hospital, where he is being treated for exhaustion, that he will not contest efforts to remove him from the chairmanship.

Turks kill smugglers

ANKARA (Reuter). — Turkish border police killed eight smugglers and seized 34 crates of contraband in a 90-minute gun-battle on the Syrian frontier on Wednesday night, the Interior Ministry said yesterday.

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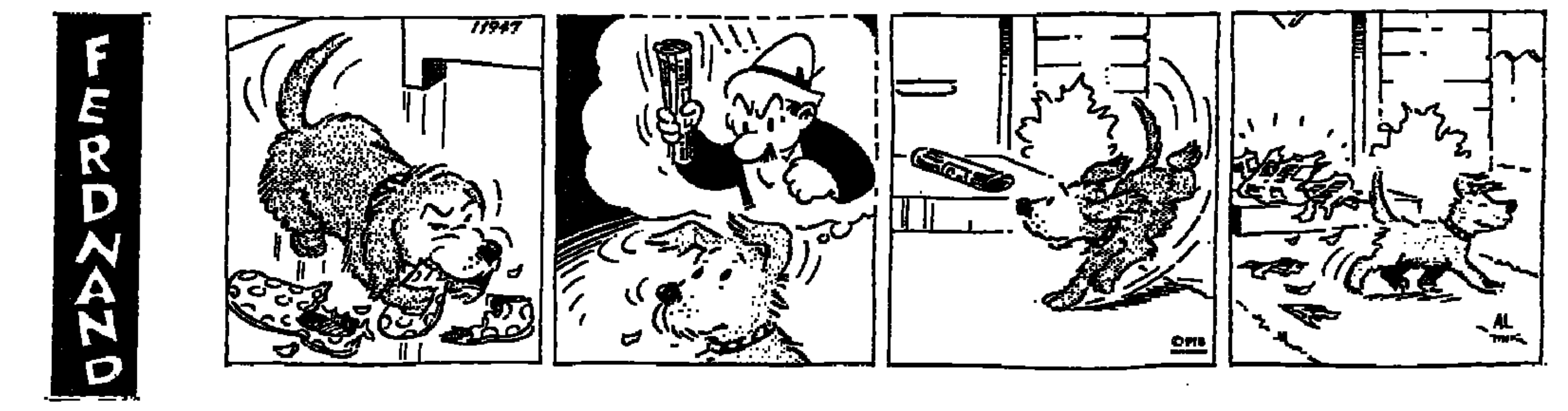

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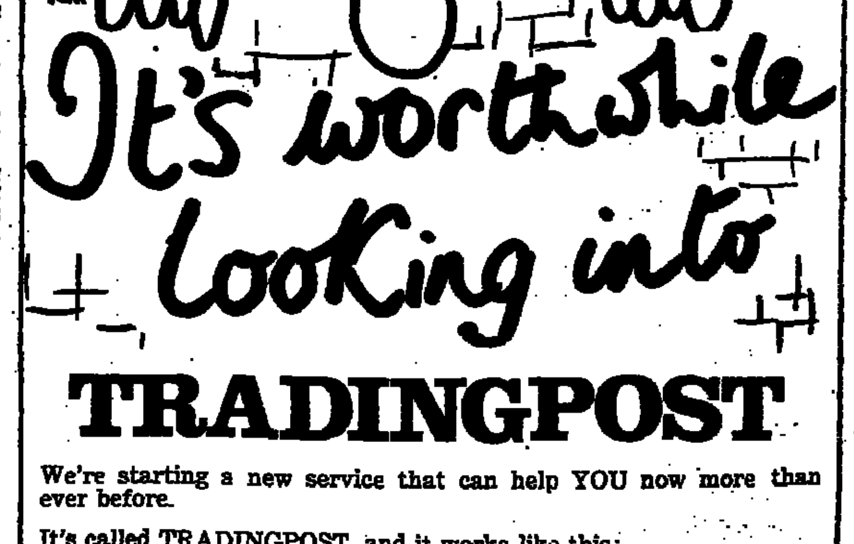

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JERUSALEM

Yeshurun Synagogue: Today: Lighting of Candle, 4.01 p.m.; Minha 4.20 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.00 a.m. Minha Gdola, 12.45 p.m., Minha 4.10 p.m. Mishna B'rura 4.30 p.m. Arvit 5.10 p.m.

Hechal Shlomo: Today: Minha 4.20 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 8.00 a.m. Minha 4.10 p.m. Arvit 5.10 p.m.

Emet V'emuna: (Rehov Narkiss 1). Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Israel Loewenstein. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.15 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Y. Amir. Shahrit, 5.15 and 3.30 a.m., Minha 4.25 p.m.

Yeshivat Hakotel (Old City): Tonight: Minha 3.45 p.m. Traditional march to the Wall followed by Kabbalat Shabbat 4.15 p.m. Arvit (at the Synagogue), 5.00 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 7.30 a.m. Minha, 1.30 p.m.

Mevakshei Derech (14 Ibn Gvirol) Independent Congregational discussion on D'var Tora-Shabbat and holidays 9.00 a.m.

Italian Synagogue (Rehov Hillel) Tonight: Minha 4.20 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Neve Schechter, behind the Israel Museum). Tonight: 4.20 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.

Chabad Lubavich Synagogue (Rehov Chabad, Jewish Quarter, Old City); Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8.30 a.m. Kiddush following services.

Sephardi Synagogues-Ribas (Old City): Tonight: Minha 4.20 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat, 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: Sephardi Minyan, 7.30 a.m. Ashkenazi Minyan, 8.00 a.m. Minha 4.15 p.m.

Beit Knesset Mercazi, Talbieh: (14 Rehov Hovevei Zion, Talbieh); Tonight: 4.20 p.m.

Bar-Ilan Synagogue (Progressive Judaism) 16 Rehov Shmuel Hanagid, near Bezalel Museum. Tonight: 5.00 p.m. Lecture: Rabbi A.Z. Zacut. Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m.

World Council of Synagogues (Conservative) at United Synagogue of America Centre: Rehov Agron 4. Tonight 4.15 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Yosef Green. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Congregaton Migdol Hasheshanim (22 Rehov Pinsker) Tonight: Minha 4.20 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 8.00 a.m. Minha 4.10 p.m.

Young Israel (Rehov Bar Yohai 47, Katamon) Tonight: 4.20 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

Young Israel (Block 107, Sanhedria Murhevet). Tonight 4.20 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

Young Israel (Rehov Hapisgah, Bayit Vegan) Tonight: 4.20 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

Hebrew Union College (Rehov David Hamelech 13). Saturday: 10.00 a.m.

TEL AVIV

The Great Synagogue (110 Allenby Road). Tomorrow: Shahrit, 7.30 a.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (88 Rehov Ben Yehuda). Tonight: Minha 4.25 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 6.15 and 8.30 a.m., Minha 4.25 p.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (Beit Hamore, Rehov Nathan Strauss 5). Tonight: Minha 4.25 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.00 a.m., Minha 4.25 p.m.

Kehilat Sinai (Conservative, B'nai Brit House, 10 Rehov Kaplan, corner Hameasfim). Tomorrow: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m., Parashat Hashavua: Rabbi David Haber.

Kedem Synagogue: (Progressive Judaism, 20 Rehov Carlebach); Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Moshe Zemer.

Beit Haknesset Geulat Yisrael (Rehov Merca: Ba'alei Melacha 16). Tonight: 6.00 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Kehilat Ramat Aviv (Progressive Judaism: Jacob-Efter Hall, Peretz Naphtali Bldg. T.A. University); Tonight: 6.00 p.m. Sermon: Mrs. Bruria Barish.

RAMAT GAN

Hatechiya Synagogue: Tonight 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 7.45 p.m. Parashat Hashavua: Mr. Barkol. Minha 4.20 p.m. Shiur Gemara, Mr. Weizman.

Emeth V'emuna Congregation (Progressive Judaism): 57 Derech Jabotinsky. Friday: 6.00 p.m. Saturday: 9.30 a.m.

Beth Haknesset Ramat Hen (5 Rehov Ramat Hen): Friday: Minha 5.30 p.m. Saturday: Shahrit, 7.45 a.m.

SAVYON

Tiferet Yitzchak Synagogue (6 Rehov Hadarom). Tonight: 4.50 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.

KFAR SABA

Haminyan Hahadash (Schechuna Eliezer). Tonight 4.40 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m. Minha 4.30 p.m.

PETAH TIKVA

Young Israel (Ramat Werber School Rehov Anderson): Tonight: 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: Talmud: 7.00 a.m. Services: 8.00 a.m.

HOLON

Young Israel (Rehov Shlomo Hamelech) Friday: 4.35 p.m. Saturday: 8.00 a.m.

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Beit Haknesset Hechal Habanim: Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Shmuel Avidor Hacohen. Minha 4.30 p.m.

HERZLIYA

Young Israel (Hotel Hod, Rehov Hanassi) Tonight: 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.45 a.m.

NETANYA

Beth Yisrael (Conservative). (13 Rehov Rav Kook). Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.00 a.m.

Netanya Progressive Congregation (16 Rehov Smilansky). Tonight: 5.45 p.m.

New Synagogue (7 McDonald St.) Friday: 4.30 p.m. Saturday: 8.00 a.m. Children's Oneg Shabbat 3.00 p.m. Study Group 3.30 p.m. Minha 4.15 p.m. Dvar Tora: Rabbi Emanuel Forman.

HAIFA

Moriah Congregation (7 Rehov Horeb), Ahuza. Tonight: 4.15 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Charles W. Siegel.

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RISHON LEZION

Young Israel (34 Rehov Hanotrim) Tonight 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.

Young Israel (Shikun Beit). Tonight: 4.37 p.m. Tomorrow Shahrit, 8.00 a.m.

BEHOVOT

Adat Shalom Synagogue (Conservative B'nai Brit Hall, 183 Rehov Herzl). Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 8.30 a.m. Sermons: Rabbi Meir Ydit.

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Ashdod Conservative Centre (Geulim School, Ezor Aleph) Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.00 a.m.

ASHKELON

Kehilat Netzach Yisrael (Batsheva Gerbovov Community Centre, Derech Ya'acov Chaham, corner Harel, Afridar). Tonight: Kabbalat Shabbat 5.00 p.m. Saturday: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Pinhas Spectre.

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Family Congregation of Omer (Conservative) (Omer School Auditorium): Kabbalat Shabbat 5.30 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Michael Graetz. Tomorrow: Shahrit 9.00 a.m.

Young Israel (Shikun Beit). Tonight: 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow Shahrit, 8.00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

St. George's Cathedral (Anglican, Nablus Road, Jerusalem) Sunday: Holy Communion 8.00 p.m. (English). Morning Worship (Arabic) 9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist and Sermon (English) 11 a.m. Evensong and Sermon (English) 6.00 p.m. Daily (Mon. to Sat.) Holy Communion. 7.00 a.m. Evensong 6.00 p.m.

Baptist Congregation (Rehov Narkis, Jerusalem); Saturday Services. Bible Study: 9.45 a.m. Worship 11.00 a.m.

Church of Christ (across street from Rockefeller Museum). Bible Classes: 10.00 a.m. Worship: 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Classes, 6.00 p.m.

Christ Church (Anglican) Jaffa Gate Holy Communion 8.00 a.m. Evening Service. 6.00 p.m.

Lutheran Church (Muristan Rd., Old City, Jerusalem).

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House of Prayer (19/90 Rehov Ein-Rogel, Abu Tor). Sabbath Services — prayer and worship: 10.30 a.m.

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Church of Scotland (Presbyterian, near Railway Station) Jerusalem. Tel. 84325. Sunday Morning Service, 10.00 a.m.

"Shalhevetyah" — Finnish School (Lutheran) (25 Rehov Shivtei Israel). Saturday 10.30 a.m. Service in Hebrew: Sunday 7.30 p.m. Bible Study in Hebrew.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon Church) meets each Saturday. 9.30 a.m. in City Hotel. East Jerusalem. For information, call 02-282472, or 02-281085.

Church of God, Mount of Olives near Palace Hotel. Tel. 284436. Services in English/German/Arabic. Sunday Worship 10.00 a.m. Thursday Prayer 6.00 p.m.

International Evangelican Church (36 Street of the Prophets, Jerusalem). Sunday: Worship: 9.00 a.m. Evening Fellowship, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study, 7.30 p.m.

International Church of the Nazarene Center (33 Nablus Road, by the Y.M.C.A. East Jerusalem). Special English Service. Sunday 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church (Rehov Eilat behind Old Law Court, Tel Aviv). Saturday: 11.00 a.m.

Evangelical Episcopal (Anglican) Church (Jaffa, Beer Hoffman Street, off Rehov Eilat): Sunday: Evening Service, 6.00 p.m. Tuesday: Bible Study (Tel. 821459).

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Christian Science Service, Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv. Sunday: 11 a.m.

Petah Tikva Baptist Congregation (3 kilometres north of Petah Tikva). Saturday Services: Bible Study. 9.45 a.m. Worship. 11.00 a.m.

Nazareth Ukrainian Catholic Chapel Nazareth Old City, two blocks over Maronite Church in Ecumenical Christ Child Centre. Sunday, Mass 9.00 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene (Main Street, near Galilee Hotel) Sunday Services: 10.00, 11.00 a.m., 7.30 p.m. (Tel. 065-54315).

St. Luke's Church, Haifa (Anglican) 4 St. Luke's Street, near U.N.O. and Hagefen. (Services in English). Sunday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

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DEPARTURES: Air France 193 to Paris, 0610; TWA 811 to Rome, Paris and Boston, 0530; El Al 467 to Paris, 0600; El Al 463 to Rome, 0640; Swissair 331 to Zurich, 0700; El Al 347 to Zurich, 0720; CPA 243 to Athens, Amsterdam and Montreal, 0730; El Al 565 to Teheran, 0740; El Al 265 to London and N.Y. 0800; TWA 841 to Athens, Rome and N.Y. 0845; Air France 135 to Lyons and Paris, 0850; BA 485 to London, 0925; Tarom 246 to Bucharest, 1120; Alitalia 739 to Rome, 1410; El Al 907 to Jerusalem, 1445; Olympic 302 to Athens, 1510; TWA 810 to Bombay and Bangkok, 1750.

SATURDAY

ARRIVALS: TWA 811 from Bangkok and Bombay, 0415; Alitalia 738 from Rome, 1325; TWA 880 from N.Y. and Athens, 1430; Lufthansa 684 from Frankfurt, 1525; TWA 810 from Boston, Paris and Rome, 1635; Swissair 330 from Zurich, 1805; El Al 358 from Frankfurt, 1925; BA 484 from London, 2010; El Al 470 from Amsterdam and Geneva, 2110; El Al 478 from Paris and Munich, 2125; El Al 476 from London and Rome, 2135; Air France 138 from Paris and Athens, 2150.

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EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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TEL AVIV: (day) Moskovitz, 25 King George, 282650, Nordau, 183 Ben Yehuda, 242673; Yani, 67 Yehuda Halevi, 612474; (evening) Benny, 174 Dizengoff, 222386; Hanevi'im, 72 King George, 288740; Mazyan Ha'haim, 49 Yerushalayim, Jaffa, 821607.
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Woman leads fight for French abortion law

By ANNE HEAD

PARIS (Ofns). — THE DRAFT BILL on abortion, piloted through the National Assembly by Health Minister Simone Veil, goes to the French Senate today before returning to the National Assembly for its second reading.

Mme Veil, 47-year-old mother of three sons, explained in presenting the Bill that President Giscard d'Estaing had considered it should be presented by the Minister and "by a woman." A Socialist deputy, Pierre Mauroy, has called Mme. Veil "the only man in the Government" and her unruffled determination to see the Bill through was clear from the beginning of the debate.

At 17, Mme Veil was deported to a German concentration camp where she was incarcerated for three years. Her parents and a brother died in Nazi camps. She studied law and has a diploma from the Paris Institute of Political Studies. She is married to Antoine Veil, Director-General of the airline UTA.

She started her political career in 1957 as an adviser at the Ministry of Justice, and in 1969 became technical adviser to René Pleven, then Minister of Justice. But these administrative posts clearly did not satisfy her political ambitions.

Once her family was grown up, she devoted more and more time to cultivating her relations with the dignitaries of the Fifth Republic and her house became a meeting place for the political elite. She was the first woman to be on the board of directors of the State-run television and radio network. Her appointment as Minister of Health was greeted as a deft and intelligent move by Giscard d'Estaing.

The draft Bill for a change in the abortion laws was first presented to Parliament in December 1973 by the Minister of Justice, Jean Taittinger. Despite his impassioned plea the Bill was rejected and returned to the special commission for further debate. The present Minister of Justice, Jean Lecanuet, is known to oppose any change in the law and he certainly raised no objection when the President decided to have the Bill defended by Mme Veil.

There is no doubt that only a person of the stature of Mme Veil could have pushed the Bill through. In a conservative and still profoundly Catholic country the law is revolutionary. It would allow any Frenchwoman, over 18, married or single, to have an abortion in the first 10 weeks of a pregnancy. She must visit a doctor twice and make a written request for the abortion and it must be carried out in an authorized public or private hospital.

Enormous pressure was put on the deputies to reject the Bill. The Vatican published its condemnation of abortion the day the debate opened. The Council of the Order of Physicians sent a circular letter to all doctors, condemning abortion and claiming it was akin to infanticide. Mme Veil roundly told the Council of the Order of Physicians that "the Council has to obey the laws of the Republic" and she reminded the Assembly that the Order was founded in 1940 "according to the perspectives of the period," and in fact only accounted for 30 per cent of the medical profession.

To the general indignation of most of the Assembly, certain Gaullist deputies accused Mme Veil of attempting to legalise euthanasia or, even worse, create a "Nazi racism" and one accused her of wanting to send thousands to the gas chambers. She made no allusion to her own past, but it was on everyone's mind as she castigated "the attitude of intellectual terrorism of those who had flooded the National Assembly with vile publicity which showed little respect for a cause being defended with measure and conviction."

During the Assembly's 25 hours of speeches and debates on the draft bill, Simone Veil's constant elegant presence seemed in some way to make up for the absurd lack of women deputies. There are only nine women among the 490 members of the National Assembly who were discussing the most intimate details of a woman's life. Mme Veil said that despite her personal wish that the decision to have an abortion should be taken by the couple concerned, she made it clear that in the law to be discussed today it is the woman alone who is responsible.

CINEMA

Coppola's 'The Conversation'

The Conversation (Cinema Two, Tel Aviv), directed and written by Francis Ford Coppola, deals with the very contemporary theme of wiretapping. Yet Coppola wrote his screenplay for the movie between 1966 and '69, and filmed it three years later — still in the pre-Watergate era — after making "The Godfather."

"The Conversation," which won first prize at this year's Cannes Film Festival, focuses attention on the eavesdropper, rather than on his victim. The central character is Harry Caul (Gene Hackman), a highly-skilled professional wiretapper with a reputation as "the best bugger on the West Coast." He is a repressed, lonely man nearing middle-age, who goes about his unsavoury trade without evincing the slighest curiosity about either his clients, or those whom he bugs so assiduously.

The picture opens in San Francisco's bustling Union Square, with Harry and his team using their sophisticated electronic equipment to eavesdrop on a young couple (having been employed by the woman's husband to try and spot adultery). But when he returns to his laboratory and painstakingly puts together a composite tape on their snatches of conversation, he deduces that in fact the lives of the couple are threatened by her husband. For the first time, he becomes caught up in the fate of his victims and begins to think of the ethics of a profession which uses modern technology to intrude into peoples' private lives in the most unscrupulous manner. As a practising Catholic, the subsequent pressure on his conscience shatters his complacency and leads to his downfall, in a climax which is both a character study and a thriller.

Gene Hackman

Coppola has turned out a thought provoking piece of technical perfection, with stunning photography by Bill Butler and a sensitive sound-track collage that is perfectly augmented by David Shire's musical score for solo piano. Hackman gives his usual distinguished performance in the demanding main role, and the supporting players are uniformly excellent.

The two-hour film would have benefited from some judicious cutting since it is too repetitive, and rather pretentious at times. A work of quality, nevertheless. *J.L.*

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Stavisky (Zafon, Tel Aviv). Some of the older generation may still remember the "Stavisky Affair" which, some 40 years ago, shook France and nearly brought about the fall of the Third Republic.

"Le beau Sacha, Sacha le charmeur," born Stavisky, son of a Russian-Jewish immigrant, but calling himself Serge Alexandre, made an enormous fortune (which he spent lavishly) through cleverly manipulated swindles on a huge scale. The eventual discovery of his machinations caused the furore it did because politicians and police were implicated and even some of the highest in the land. Apparently he discovered early that if you first charm and then bribe, there are few who can resist you.

This is the first film Alain Resnais has made in five years and, while its form is not simple, it is much easier to follow than either "Last Year in Marienbad" or "Muriel" with their very complicated time-structures.

Resnais and his scenario-writer, Jorge Semprun ("Z"), have seen Stavisky as a manic-depressive, alternately wildly elated or cast down. At a dinner party he suddenly remembers it is the anniversary of his father's suicide (his father, a dentist, killed himself when he learnt of his son's criminal activities) and leaves his guests to throw himself on his father's grave. His Jewish origin is hardly referred to except when he offers a job on the stage to a young woman refugee from Nazi Germany, he remarks that while she need not disguise her Jewishness, she need not stress it.

There is a sub-plot involving Trotsky who sought refuge in France at that time and it seems that Resnais wants to suggest that the swindler (corrupt bourgeois rule) and the Communist represent the two political alternatives facing the country. But the point is not emphasised.

Jean-Paul Belmondo makes his Stavisky as compellingly attractive as was doubtless the original, while veteran Charles Boyer is very good as an elderly count genuinely attached to him. Anny Deperey's type of beauty makes her perfect in the role of Stavisky's elegant and adoring wife. Francois Perier plays Stavisky's secretary and Claude Rich the police inspector who tracks him down.

The film is entrancing to the eye, recreating wonderfully well the elegant and monied aspects of life in the thirties. Recommended. *S.W.*

U.S. Jews stress Hanukka to escape the glitter of 'Father Christmas'

Geoffrey Wigoder's JEWISH SCENE

IN THE UNITED STATES, there is now a widespread custom that Jewish children do not receive their traditional Hanukka gift only on the first night of the festival — they are given presents on each of the eight nights. This is not merely a sign of pampering or of good salesmanship: it is part of the desperate effort to counter the all-pervading impact of the Christmas season on Jewish children. Hanukka has assumed an importance it never previously had throughout Jewish history. It is also the most noticeable instance of the general problem of Jewish reactions to the observances of festivals, especially religious festivals, in the majority society where they live. Indeed I have heard immigrants to Israel give as a major motive for their move the desire "to get away from Christmas."

The problem has been the subject of an interesting article by Gloria Goldreich in the "Hadassah Magazine." She mentions some of the minor problems involved in other festivals. The most popular general holiday among American Jewish children is Thanksgiving because it does not involve any qualms or conflicts. Indeed, it is often celebrated with official Jewish functions. A few years ago I attended the annual Thanksgiving Service in Oklahoma City which was a special annual occasion when Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews came together for an "ecumenical" service.

On the other hand, Mrs. Goldreich gives some startling information about the celebration of Hallowe'en (its origin as the eve of All Saints' Day is generally forgotten). There are no religious undertones to its observance, and all children, Jews as well as Christians, enjoy dressing-up, although some rabbis and teachers feel uncomfortable about the Jewish participation in a revel of Christian origin. She then writes: "Jewish adults who live in the many towns with a Jewel Place feel uneasy when the street sign is playfully altered to read Jew Place. The painting of swastikas on the sidewalks — without malice, of course — has become an increasingly familiar part of the accepted pranks. The steps of synagogues are regularly strewn with ruptured eggs and garbage on the supposedly innocent evening." These practices are not widely known and, if this is so, it is hard to see how they are accepted with such complacency in a country where Jews are generally so hypersensitive to the smallest slight.

Easter, too, offers its problems, although the terrible tensions that marked that week throughout so much of Jewish history have passed. Indeed Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies are now paralleled by chocolate matzot and candied *Seder* plates. But this remains the time when the story of the last days of Jesus is re-related and, however told, this cannot fail to arouse undesirable feelings. One minor occasion in which Jews wholeheartedly participate is St. Valentine's Day: they never knew, and the Christians have forgotten, that it was inspired by a Christian martyr of the third century.

The real problem, however, is Christmas, which has become an increasingly extended season, not out of any religious feeling but as a result of commercial considerations. There is generally at least a month of appropriate decorations and all the shops are bedecked, streets lit up, and lights strung in gardens (often with graphic representations of the birth of Jesus). The "Christmas spirit" takes over the television screen and loudspeakers in many places reproduce carols and carillons.

Kosher Claus

Santa Claus is omnipresent and Mrs. Goldreich reports that her small daughter asked why the Jews don't have a Hanukka Man — a sort of kosher Father Christmas. The idea is not so far-fetched when one considers the extent to which Jews have gone to transfer the "Christmas spirit" to a Hanukka context. Presents are wrapped in gay Hanukka paper. Gifts have become more and more costly — dolls, footballs, electric trains, wrapped in blue-and-white paper bedecked with golden menorot and fighting Maccabees.

In the schools too, there is no escaping the Christmas atmosphere, despite legislation on the separation of Church and State and protests by Jewish defence groups. The children learn carols, make holly wreaths and fill stockings for poor children in other lands. The Jewish boys and girls take part, however innocently, in a Christian tradition which must make some impact on them. They are vividly faced with the dominant role of the Christian religion in their environment.

In many places, enlightened schoolboards arrange for a small Hanukka display and some teachers will ask a Jewish child to bring a menorah to school and to talk about the festival to his class. Many Christmas assemblies now incorporate a Hanukka song, but the Jewish children remain uneasy — not sure whether to join in the Christmas carols.

Some Jewish families have tried to compete with the great excitement that builds up at the Christmas season. Electric menorot gleam in the windows. Psychedelic streamers in doorways wish passers-by a Happy Hanukka. Mobiles depicting dreidels hang from the chandeliers. Some have even introduced the Hanukka bush — the Jewish parallel to the Christmas tree.

Mrs. Goldreich writes about a book published recently in the U.S. describing how "Debbie and Daniel get ready for Hanukka." They make decorations. They discuss the presents they will receive. They buy gifts for their parents and friends. En passant, there is a mention of the Maccabees and a picture of the menorah — but otherwise it could just be any book about the overall American festival season. The traditional Hanukka festival, she feels, has been offered up as a sacrifice to the Christmas fever that consumes American society.

It is all part of the price to pay for living as a minority in an open society. Such a situation exacts many concessions and the methods adopted to maintain an identity often appear strange from afar. But to the American Jew there is nothing far-fetched in a well-known story about the Jewish mother who takes her little girl to the big store and introduces her to Santa Claus. "Who are you?" asks the little girl. "Father Christmas," comes the reply. "I don't believe in Christmas — I believe in Hanukka," says the little girl. And Father Christmas breaks into a broad smile and says to the mother in Yiddish: *"A kliges yungele. Sis sol hoben mazel mit brocha."*

SISTER ROSE FEARS A NEW ANTI-SEMITISM

Nun shows Christians their Jewish roots

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WHEN NEARLY 175,000 people assembled in New York a few weeks ago to protest the U.N. General Assembly invitation to terror chief Yasser Arafat, they were addressed by such well-known speakers as Senators Henry Jackson and Jacob Javits and ex-Ministers Moshe Dayan and Abba Eban. Less expected, and possibly all the more heartening in these days of Israeli loneliness, was the appearance of a Roman Catholic nun — sister Rose Thering.

Sister Rose Thering. (Israel Sun)

Sister Rose, or Dr. Thering, has been dedicated for years to building bridges between Jews and Christians and erasing entrenched prejudice. Not only is the depth of her friendship and feeling towards Jews almost exceptional in today's world, but there is much else about her that is unexpected.

When I went to meet her at the Tel Aviv Hotel where she was staying during a visit here last week, I expected to meet a nun in traditional garb. Instead I was introduced to a Sister Rose dressed in what she calls "contemporary clothes, because this has been a move of my community since 1965 in the hope that we can serve God's people better, rather than psychologically separate ourselves."

But this is not where the surprises end. Sister Rose was wearing a Magen David necklace. To be more precise, it is a Magen David with a cross inside the star, which nevertheless strikes the eye first. It is there, says Sister Rose, to show her "basic commitment to bring Christians to a deeper understanding of themselves. They must come to realize that their roots lie deep within Judaism. The New Testament is of Jewish fabric. Jesus was a Jew who lived and fulfilled Jewish law."

This is Sister Rose's fifth visit to Israel since 1970, and she expects to come again in August with a group of students and staff from Seton Hall Catholic University in South Orange, N.J., where she teaches education. Her latest visit was with a study group of Seton Hall professors to provide them "with knowledge of the totality of contemporary Israel in the perspective of history."

Having been concerned with the question of anti-Semitism and with Jewish problems for most of her life, she feels acutely that there is "a real threat for Israel after the U.N. recognition of the PLO. There are some Christians who protested this, but there are many who did not." Sister Rose feels "lonely with Israel's loneliness" and fears a new anti-Semitism. Friends of hers have seen bumper stickers on cars proclaiming: "We want oil—not Jews." Arab oil power is causing Christian nations to back away from Israel. Statements like "Why should we be bothered about Jews?" or "Jews can take care of themselves" are not unfamiliar in today's America. "This is anti-Semitism. It is deeply distressing and we have a lot of work to do."

Her work includes full-time teaching at the Seton Hall School of Education, and "it is impossible for any of my students to leave my class without knowing where I stand and not understand prejudice and anti-Semitism. Much change has occurred in Catholic teaching material since the 1965 Vatican statement against anti-Semitism, but more needs to be done. The State of Israel and the Holocaust are not given enough attention in Catholic teaching material. But, more importantly, we tend to teach as we have been taught. The teachers have been taught with the prejudiced books of yesterday. I try to help potential teachers to cleanse themselves of their basic prejudices or make them aware that these prejudices exist."

But there are also extra-curricular activities. Sister Rose is trying to involve fellow-Catholics in issues that are of great concern to Jews, such as the struggle of Soviet Jewry. She lectures and tries to create public opinion for Israel and Jewish issues. She feels that most-favoured-nation trade status should be withheld from the Soviet Union not only if it does not let its Jews go but also if it continues to arm Israel's neighbours and prepare them for war.

Awareness of the Jewish problem came to Rose Thering when still a small child in a disadvantaged community in Wisconsin and sharpened with her higher education in that state as well as in Minnesota and Missouri. "It all started with my catechism, when I found it hard to accept explanations about why Jews must be a wandering people, when God was supposed to be all good. Finally, when I was doing my doctorate work in St. Louis University in 1961, I had a chance of studying the negative image of other faith, national and ethnic groups in Catholic teaching material. I felt Pope John was on my side when he removed prejudicial anti-Semitic passages from Good Friday prayers, but it still wasn't all that acceptable."

Sister Rose feels that the Catholic Church has moved a great deal since the early 1960s in its attitude to Jews. "But in comparison to 2,000 years of persecution we have not moved very far. Prejudice is very difficult to uproot."

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Flooded lines cut trading

By Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Flooded underground cables yesterday "cut off" the Stock Exchange telephones. Orders could not be received and there were no "variables" traded yesterday. Total turnover in stocks was a low IL437,000.

IDB remained at 186 (5,000); Bank Leumi gained one to 228.5 (16,000) and Electricity rose by one to 115.5 (19,000).

Index-linked bonds were irregular, but there was a downward trend, except for Absorption 1964, and Absorption 1965 rose by eight points. Turnover in bonds was IL13,459,000.

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Bitahon 1968, Series 41	b	—	—
Bitahon 1969, Series 41	b	—	131.1
COMMERCIAL BANKS & BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
Otzar Hityashvut	r	188.5	191
I.D.B. pref.	r	283	283
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	186	198
Union Bank	r	267.5	267.5
Discount Bank "A"	r	—	418
United Mizrahi Bank	b	155	155
Bank Hapoalim—10%	b	276	276
Bank Leumi—"A"	r	228.5	227.5
MORTGAGE BANKS		247	247
Gen. Mortgage Bank	b	139	140
Carmel Mortg. & Inv.	b	258	259
Dev. & Mortg. Bank	b		
Housing Mortg. Bank	b	167	167
Tefahot 8%	b	210	210
Tefahot	b	208	208
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Ind. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	66.5	66.5
Hasneh Insurance	b	305	305
Sahar—"C"	b	211	216
Aryeh		229.5	230
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
Motor House	b	70.5	70.5
Delek C.	r	120	121
Cold Storage—IL10	r	138.5	139.5
Israel Electric Corp.	r	115.5	114.5
Lighterage & Supply	r	134.5	137.5
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Africa Isr. IL10	r	195.5	195.5
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Solel Boneh—10%	b	135	132
Property & Build.	r	187.5	187.5
Isras	b	110	111
Mehadrin	r	174	167.5
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	b	93	93
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	178.5	178.5
Neot Aviv	r	79	76.5
Pri Or Ltd.	r	146.5	148
Rassco—8%	r	77	75
Rassco—O.	r	58	56
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	475	470
Elco—2.5	b	102	101
Electra—5	r	153	151.5
"Argaman"—8%	b	230	230
"Ata"—C	r	85.5	85.5
Dubek	b	331	333
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	148	148
Teva	b	1279	1291
Chem. & Phosphates	r	105	104
Lewin Epstein	b	59	58.5
Moller Textile	r	190	190
Phoenicia—8%	b	70.5	71
Paper Mills	r	219	220
Assis "B"	r	169.5	171
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Ellern	b	134.5	134
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Ampa	r	101	101
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WALL STREET

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M.E. events affect stocks

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market was mixed yesterday as investors kept an uneasy eye on economic prospects and the unsettled Middle East situation.

Losers outstripped gainers by a wide margin on the New York Stock Exchange.

Analysts said the news of the Israel air assault after the Arab terrorist attack in Tel Aviv was keeping investors wary.

Auto stocks advanced as President Ford met with top company officials and labour leaders to discuss the industry's problems.

The Dow Jones Average of 30 industrial stocks closed 1.02 higher at 596.37.

WORLDWIDE SLUMP IN CAR SALES

Europe's auto industry reels under recession

By RICHARD C. LONGWORTH

BRUSSELS (UPI). — In Coventry, Wolfsburg and Turin, the news these days is the same as in Detroit — bad. These are the cities where Europe's cars are made. For 20 years, they have boomed. Today, as recession hits the European auto industry, they are filled with unsold cars and worried workers.

"The driver is not getting rid of his car," says Heinz Schmidt, board member of Daimler-Benz, which makes West Germany's Mercedes-Benz cars. "But he is thinking twice before buying a new one."

Other experts blame not only lack of consumer confidence, but also the soaring cost of cars, petrol prices that range between $1.20 and $1.80 per gallon in European nations and higher taxes — all coming on top of general unhappiness with pollution and traffic jams.

The results are dramatic. Domestic car sales are off 23 per cent this year in France. 20 per cent in West Germany. 8 per cent in Italy.

Germany's Volkswagen has put 40,000 workers on short time of three weeks per month. Citroen of France laid off 3,000 workers and lost $210m. this year. Fiat of Italy put 70,000 workers on a 24-hour week last month in an attempt to cut output by 200,000 cars over the next few months, but was forced by unions to return to the 40-hour week.

In London, the motor agents association said car makers still cannot meet demand — not because of booming sales but because strikes have cut output so badly.

France is the first nation to take drastic measures. The Government granted $315m. in long-term loans to reform the auto industry, with two-thirds going to merge Peugeot with the hard-pressed Citroen firm.

The Arabs, however, seem to have confidence in Europe's car industry. Kuwait just spent $400m. of its oil money to buy 14 per cent of Daimler-Benz.

The country-by-country picture:

● *BRITAIN* — The motor agents association says car prices have gone up 25 per cent in the past year, while production is down about 25 per cent, mostly because of strikes and the three-day work week last winter. Motorists are buying smaller, cheaper cars and drive them less, with petrol sales down 8 per cent. "But there is no evidence," says the Royal Automobile Club, that people are changing from cars to public transport."

● *GERMANY* — In September alone, the German auto industry laid off one-third of its 265,000-man force for at least a few days. Daimler-Benz's Schmidt blamed the recession and energy crisis, criticism of cars by environmentalists and higher taxes. Germany has been hit particularly by upward revaluation of the Deutschmark, which made its cars more expensive abroad. Schmidt predicted the "reservoir of demand" will build up for another year before sales improve.

● *FRANCE* — The Government's rescue action followed such signs of trouble as Renault's decision to close for four days over Christmas and Chrysler-Simca's cutback in its work force. One strong new market exploited particularly by Peugeot — the Middle East. But prices are up 15 per cent this year, with no French car now selling for less than $2,000, and dealers report a trend to smaller cars.

● *ITALY* — Fiat and other car markers put workers on a 23-day vacation over Christmas, not to save money — the workers will get 93 per cent of their full pay — but because their car lots will not hold more cars. Auto clubs report registration of new cars down, but sales of buses and motorcycles up. Petrol in Italy costs $1.81 per gallon for super — the highest in Europe — and petrol sales are down 9 per cent this year. Car prices have shot up 35 per cent this year, with the Fiat 130 coupé now costing $15,000 and even the tiny Fiat Topolino going for $1,560.

● *SPAIN* — Spanish auto makers, buoyed by optimism and tax incentives, boosted production over 1973. But in October, sales dropped by 20 per cent. Prices went up 9 per cent this year and manufacturers, caught in a price squeeze, want more. The Seat firm and others are postponing plans to build new plants.

Alone among the Europeans, Sweden's auto makers — Volvo and Saab — reported production and sales normal and no layoffs. Volvo cut production slightly during last winter's oil crisis but will produce about the same number of cars as last year. Saab predicted all its cars will be sold, despite high prices like $7,050 for the Saab 99. Volvo has announced possible production cutbacks early next year and has said its main plant in Goteborg will hire no new workers for the time being.

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DESPITE INCREASE IN LABOUR DEMAND

Export industries in trouble, thousands face unemployment

By MOSHE ATEE
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

ONE MONTH after the introduction of the new economic policy labour demand still exceeds supply. Indeed, many executives and trade union leaders doubt whether the situation will change substantially in spite of the predicted slowdown. Volunteers for retraining courses are few, and many skilled workers are being retrained even though redundant, in expectation of an upswing. However, experts of the Employment Service expect a gradual deterioration with pockets of unemployment appearing shortly.

For the time being the number of jobless registered with labour exchanges has not exceeded the level of unavoidable "frictional" unemployment. The latest figure available — for September — was 819 unemployed, of whom 587 were unskilled workers and 128 clerks. The number of vacancies registered with the exchanges was almost 50 per cent bigger than the number of persons looking for work. In October, too, there was a shortfall of about 8,500 workers for registered vacancies. The unfilled jobs included about 2,000 skilled workers for manufacturing industries. 1,000 skilled construction workers, and 1,000 clerks, bookkeepers, and other skilled personnel.

Labour exchanges

Since then the number of people turning to labour exchanges has somewhat increased, while vacancies declined, but by and large the situation is balanced. On a random day last week in Tel Aviv 217 jobless were registered, of whom 172 were immediately sent to work, including 103 skilled workers. Most of the jobless left without employment were women-telephonists, secretaries, card punchers, as well as students looking for part-time jobs.

The picture is similar in other cities. Stories about unemployment here and there are largely exaggerated, as most workers losing jobs are easily absorbed, provided they are willing to accept the work and the terms offered. Thus workers discharged at Dimona Fibres have largely moved to the nearby Kitan Dimona plant. Workers of the bankrupt Afula pantyhose company are now employed at the Beit Shean textile factory or at the Nilit plant, except for a few technicians who have also been offered jobs, but hope to get better ones by themselves. Workers discharged from Tel Aviv building projects have found employment in defence construction.

Trade deficit up 63 p.c.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The trade deficit for the first nine months of this year grew by 63 per cent compared with last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported on Wednesday.

According to the bureau the figure for the January-through-October 1974 period was $2,031m. while that for the same period last year was $1,244m.

Exports during October 1974 reached $143m., up from $122m. in September. The Statistics Bureau said this 17 per cent increase was lower than expected.

Imports also rose during October — by 10 per cent — compared with September; $374m. as against $339m.) This expansion, too, was less than anticipated, the bureau said.

In the coming months demand for labour is due to rise sharply owing to the citrus picking season, which will require at least 16,000 workers in groves and packing houses, about 5,000 workers in canning factories, and up to 2,000 dockers and stevedores. Of this number, at most one half is expected to be provided by seasonal labour — Arab and Jewish — while for the rest pupils will have to be mobilized for two-week work shifts as part of their Gadna service.

Defence orders

Numerous vacancies also exist in several metal and engineering factories (in particular those working for defence orders), electric and electronic plants (Electric Corporation, Tadiran, Aircraft Industries), in defence construction projects (in particular, for operation of heavy equipment), in farming, and in Eilat Port. A number of export-oriented factories may also hire additional workers, but no great store is set by this factor for the near future. In particular, the expansion now carried out in our chemical industry is not expected to have an impact on employment, as modern chemical plants operate with a very small staff.

On the other hand, employment is expected to contract in many sectors, especially in industries producing consumer goods for the home market, and in branches working for housing and home furnishing. Several dozen workers have already been discharged from biscuit and confectionary plants, hard hit by the higher price of sugar and by dropping sales. Reduced turnover of department stores has led to dismissals of sales personnel. Cuts in public works and the ban imposed on many imports have affected engineers' and importers' offices. The slump in tourism and the rise in road fares have caused dismissals in a number of smaller hotels (e.g. in Arad) and in restaurants.

Moreover, several of our major export industries are in bad shape, including diamonds, fashion, textile, plywood, and even tyres. Hitherto the number of workers discharged has not been large, though in many cases overtime has been stopped and second shifts dropped. But it is feared that the slowdown may gather pace before long, and that the employment situation may markedly worsen in the development towns, where textile plants still form the backbone of the local economy.

How many people are likely to be jobless in another few months? The figure depends largely on the firmness with which the new austerity policy is carried out, and partly on the alternative employment projects that may — or may not — be launched in due time. The eventual volume of building activity is likely to be of crucial importance in this respect. The ban on public building is expected to be rescinded, and several projects shelved todate may be resumed. A number of industrial expansion schemes are also under consideration, and may be partly financed by the Unemployment Insurance Fund. However, all of this is unlikely to amount to very much. At the Employment Service the feeling prevails that the number of jobless will run into many thousands before the economy recovers.

Incidentally, even a substantial slowdown is not expected to bring in its wake an end to the employment in the Israel economy of workers from the administered areas. The number of these commuting workers is currently estimated at between 60,000 and 70,000, of whom about one half are employed in agriculture, and about one third in building. A decline in building activity is therefore bound to reduce their job opportunities more than those of Jewish workers, but farms, factories, and services will continue to employ Arabs for certain unskilled and heavy jobs.

Need cheaper social aid

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

INCOME SUPPORT for the needy in Israel has reached a respectable level — but the method of allocating social aid is wasteful. This was the impression given in addresses made at a seminar of the Brookdale Institute on social policy, held in Jerusalem on Sunday.

Amiram Sivan, Director-General of the National Insurance Institute, pointed out that the cost-of-living allowance is regressive, ranging from IL100 to IL300 a month according to income. If the allowance were a flat sum, equal for everybody, small-income families would get IL200, instead of IL100 a month.

He said that all categories of deprived persons are nevertheless provided for now, except for part of the self-employed. One remedy would be to make the allowance for the first two children universal. (At present it is limited to wage-earners — only the large family allowance is universal.)

Dr. Ben-Ami Zuckerman, Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, observed that the social welfare allowance for a family of four, which is supposed to equal 40 per cent of the average wage, comes actually today (since the latest adjustments for increased prices) to 55 per cent — and 65 per cent of the average net wage.

This relatively impressive level of assistance was made possible because output (and therefore living standards) has been soaring in Israel at the high rate of 6-8 per cent annually. Now that the national growth-rate is frozen, it may be necessary to re-examine the provisions of social policy, he warned.

Professor Mordecai Kurz, of Stanford University, declared that a country needs a good social policy which is also cheap. An expensive one is liable to put the nation's accounts in the red, necessitating belt-tightening measures (a patent hint about Israel's present situation).

His formula is to reduce income tax at the top, where it is confiscatory, and increase it lower down the scale. This should be done, among other things, by taxing all social benefits and all subsidies. "It makes the tax system regressive, of course — but such a change can be tolerated if there is strong income-support system for the lower echelons," he said.

Professor Kurz believes in introducing negative income tax as well — all of which would require the whole working population to file individual tax returns. He doubted whether the existing revenue service would be capable of handling such a comprehensive fiscal system.

To this Mr. Zuckerman rejoined drily: "Maybe, but it's the only revenue service we've got." He added, "There is no chance of introducing the negative income tax during the next five years." But he did not foreclose on the possibility of starting to plan such a system right away.

Bankruptcies shake business world

WASHINGTON (AP). — Bankruptcies are shaking business in many foreign lands, "U.S. News and World Report" said this week. "Tight money, rising costs, weak demand are responsible — just as in America," the magazine said.

In a report in its December 16 issue, "U.S. News" — with a circulation of more than 2m. copies weekly — said: "Take Britain, where bankruptcies in 1974's first half rose 35 per cent from the 1973 level. Construction, land-development concerns lead the losers. British retailers, stockbrokers, engineering firms are also closing.

"French companies in the building field, hotels and restaurants are among the most vulnerable today. West Germany is rolling toward a post-World War II record for bankruptcies. Business insolvencies jumped 42 per cent in 1974's first nine months.

Dutch bankruptcies rose 26 per cent in the first six months of 1974, "U.S. News" said, and "Swiss bankruptcies leaped 30 per cent over 1973 levels in the first half of 1974. Hard hit: the construction industry. Some experts blame failures on scarcity of funds, slack demand.

"Spanish authorities are warning of a slowing in business activity and a thinning of order books. Textile firms, in particular, may face liquidation. In Italy, more companies are in sticky financial shape.

"Japan's industrialists face their toughest time in years. Large textile, air-conditioner manufacturers have collapsed recently — along with hundreds of smaller concerns. Japanese exporters are old hands at pushing products abroad when domestic sales sag — but this time key foreign markets also are soft."

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Israel can't meet lemon demand

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Israel's problem is not selling lemons, but growing enough to meet the demand. This was stated on Wednesday by the director-general of Tnuva Export, Mr. Yosef Weiner, who said that about 12,500 dunams are under cultivation, of which 4,500 are in the Negev, where the output per dunam is twice that in the central and southern parts of the country. It is planned to put another 2,500 dunams under cultivation soon.

To facilitate exports, a new, modern packing house, called Limat, was recently opened near Azata in the Negev at a cost of IL7m.

The head of Limat, Mr. Shlomo Hadas, said that it is planned to invest another IL2m. in expanding the present facilities, which employ 120 persons, of whom 40 are Arabs.

Israel's two main customers are Yugoslavia (400,000 crates) and Rumania (300,000 crates), with the rest going mainly to other European countries in small quantities.

Last year a Negev farmer made IL800 net on each dunam of lemon trees. This year, the net income per dunam should rise to IL1,000.

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A new start with Europe

ONLY SCANT details are available about the accord reached in Brussels between Israel's negotiating team and the Common Market's European Commission. Some points must still be thrashed out, including the important one concerning Israel's right to impose protective tariffs for new industries. The agreement must also still be approved by the Nine governments, but enough has transpired to indicate that a breakthrough has been achieved, and that we can now look forward to joining the E.E.C.'s Mediterranean free trade area in the near future, probably in the course of 1975.

The importance of this step can hardly be exaggerated. Israel has been pressing for some kind of association with the Market for over a decade. It would provide a framework that would strengthen our international position and open new vistas for economic growth. Though political cooperation between the Common Market governments has not progressed as smoothly as was originally expected, it has become a factor of global impact. The readiness of the European Nine to start building their Mediterranean trade area by an agreement with Israel should not therefore be underrated. Hopefully, this will also lead to a more balanced attitude in the forthcoming dialogue between the E.E.C. and the Arab oil states.

Even more important, of course, are the agreement's economic implications. Israel is committing itself to gradually phase out protective tariffs on manufactured imports from the Market countries, and since our other trade partners will doubtless insist on equal treatment, our industry will at long last be forced to operate in truly competitive conditions. On the other hand, our manufacturers will be able to sell their products in the vast Common Market without being handicapped by its external tariff, the importance of which is increasingly felt in the current period of tough world competition.

The eventual removal of this hinderance must therefore considerably improve the marketing prospects for our chemicals, textiles, canned products, engineering goods and many other articles, and enhance Israel's position as a base for industries producing for European consumers. Moreover, our citrus, hitherto hard put to compete with the fruits from other countries, especially North Africa, will also get better treatment.

Of course, it is not yet certain that the agreement will produce the results hoped for. Much will depend upon our manufacturers' readiness to make use of the new opportunities, to shift the resources from redundant and unviable industries to projects which do not need artificial props. It will also depend on our workers' willingness to adjust themselves to the new competitive conditions. But the agreement with the E.E.C. will provide a sound setting for such economic development, and ample time for the adjustment required — if a start is made without undue delay.

FORD SEEKS FOREIGN POLICY SUCCESS

U.S. fears Israel-Egypt deadlock

By Wolf Blitzer
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — PRESIDENT Gerald Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger have made it very clear in private conversations with several prominent Americans over the past few weeks that achieving a second-stage Israel-Egyptian agreement as quickly as possible is considered one of the highest priority items, perhaps even the highest, in current U.S. foreign policy.

Israeli officials in Washington are well aware of this fact. They also know that both the Secretary and the President have said privately that Israel "missed the boat with Jordan" because Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's government made too many tough and unrealistic demands upon King Hussein.

Only a month before the Rabat Arab summit conference, Kissinger told a group of Jewish leaders that Israel must decide quickly whether it wants to negotiate with Hussein or with PLO leader Yasser Arafat. He warned that time was running out, and that unless Israel worked out some sort of interim settlement with Hussein — as the Secretary recommended — the Arabs would proclaim Arafat the ruler of the West Bank. Hussein would have no alternative but to acquiesce.

After Rabat and its embrace of Arafat, a disappointed Kissinger is reported to have told Israeli diplomats here: "I hate to tell you 'I told you so,' but I told you so."

Although Israel vehemently disagrees with this American assessment, insisting that Hussein should be blamed for not reaching an accord, it nonetheless does not want the U.S. to make a similar charge should an Israel-Egyptian deadlock occur.

Israeli officials here are insisting that everything must be done to prove to the Americans that Israel is flexible and determined to take considerable risks to reach another settlement with Egypt. If the talks do eventually break down, the officials say, then Israel must make sure that the United States will blame Egypt's uncompromising stance, not Israel's.

The consequences of a breakdown in negotiations on the Egyptian front would be considerably more disastrous for the United States than they were on the Jordanian front. A stalemate with Egypt automatically means increased Soviet influence in Cairo, a quick resumption of massive Soviet arms shipments, an inevitable resumption of warfare, and another Arab oil embargo.

Secretary Kissinger is now doing whatever he can to prevent this scenario from occurring.

President Ford, moreover, is extremely concerned about the domestic political effects such a situation would bring — he has already announced that he will run for reelection in 1976.

Thus, Kissinger once again finds himself in a similar position as during the waning months of Richard Nixon's presidency.

At that time, it was widely understood that Kissinger was instructed by the former President to produce quick foreign policy successes in the hope that Americans might thereby forget about Watergate. Kissinger came under tremendous pressure to achieve the Egyptian and Syrian disengagement agreements with Israel — including his famous 33-day shuttle between Damascus and Jerusalem — all to save Nixon, who in the end could not be saved, even by Kissinger.

Now President Ford, burdened by severe economic problems and a questioning and brooding electorate, is similarly trying to win popularity points through Kissinger's foreign policy. White House spokesmen used the highest superlatives in describing the Vladivostok strategic arms limitations agreement — although critics quickly charged it as a fraud — and Ford is planning additional trips abroad to project the image of a leading international statesman.

He would like to be able to have the United States continue to act as the Middle East's chief mediator. His Republican political strategists reportedly believe that another round of hostilities would seriously reduce his domestic prestige and would be interpreted as a defeat for the Administration.

Israeli officials recognize these American interests, and are trying to ensure that a serious split between Washington and Jerusalem does not materialize.

When Foreign Minister Allon arrived in Washington, he told Kissinger that Israel is prepared to make another substantial withdrawal in Sinai. He reiterated Rabin's statement — made only a few days earlier — that Israel no longer insists on a formal Egyptian declaration of non-belligerency, merely some elements of non-belligerency, such as an end to diplomatic and economic boycotts.

Interim settlement

Rabin's interview in "Ha'aretz" was considered by American officials to be a signal to Egypt that Israel is most anxious to work out another interim settlement. But everyone here still remains uncertain whether or not Sadat will grasp Rabin's peace feelers.

During his seven hours of talks with Kissinger last Monday, Allon presented Israel's general conceptions about an agreement. He discussed several possible plans, but the general thrust of his proposals was basically very simple: the more political concessions Egypt offers Israel, the more territory Israel would withdraw from. In fact, during Rabin's September visit to Washington, he had already made the same point: "A piece of territory, for a piece of peace."

But Israel is opposed to reaching an agreement with Egypt on just any terms — and will not negotiate under pressure. Washington is in basic agreement.

President Ford and Secretary Kissinger have now heard Foreign Minister Allon explain Israel's position fully and the Americans will present these proposals to Egypt for consideration and reply.

Because President Sadat is afraid to provoke the more radical Arabs — especially Syria and the PLO — he will not dispatch his Foreign Minister, Ismail Fahmy, to Washington before Allon's departure. Egypt cannot appear to be moving ahead of the rest of the Arab world in reaching a settlement with Israel, hence the conspicuous omission of any reference to Egypt in the public statements following the Kissinger-Allon talks last Monday.

Informed diplomatic sources here said that Allon rejected linking progress on the Egyptian front with progress on any other front — specifically the Syrian. There had been press reports last month that Washington was advancing the concept of parallel talks between Israel and both Egypt and Syria in order to maintain the diplomatic momentum.

Columnist Joseph Alsop wrote shortly after Kissinger's return to Washington from the Middle East last month that Israel would be asked to make a token withdrawal in the Golan — which, he insisted, would not significantly affect its security — thus permitting the Egyptians to negotiate a more important pact in Sinai. Alsop, whose connections in the State Department are considerable, was widely believed to have been "inspired" to suggest this concept, perhaps as a trial balloon to test Israel's reaction.

But in his talks on Monday, Allon strongly rejected the idea before Kissinger could even propose it, arguing that a further Israeli pullback there is possible only in exchange for a peace agreement with Syria—which is highly unlikely in the very near future.

Thus, "the ball is now back on the Egyptian side," as one diplomat said last Tuesday.

If Sadat agrees, negotiations may begin as early as late January or February, with a Kissinger visit to the area likely. The Secretary relies heavily on his personal relationship with Sadat as an instrument in executing U.S. Middle East policy. Although Kissinger does not want to resume his particular brand of shuttle diplomacy, events may eventually dictate its necessity.

Meanwhile, the two most likely locations for preliminary talks are either Washington or somewhere in the Sinai — a new version of Kilometre 101. Both Israel and the United States feel that Geneva is a bad place to hold protracted and difficult negotiations since Syria, Jordan, the Soviet Union and probably the PLO will all want to get into the act.

If the two sides ever get talks off the ground, Egypt will prefer the negotiating teams to be composed of military officials, while Israel will argue that diplomats should discuss the problems. But this is a minor matter, which can be resolved.

More difficult problems are likely to arise: Will the Abu Rodeis oil fields be returned to Egypt? What about the strategically important Mitla and Giddi passes in Sinai? Will Egypt accept a five or six year time frame for the agreement, as Israel is demanding? Will Egypt agree that only UNEF troops be allowed to move into Israeli-evacuated territories, with no Egyptian soldiers permitted to occupy these regions? Can the UNEF mandate be extended for more than just six monthly periods?

Sadat has to worry about extremists in the Arab world. He will be called a traitor if he appears to be moving too quickly on the diplomatic front. Middle East experts in the State Department are not certain that he is strong enough to withstand these pressures.

Similarly, Premier Rabin will face opposition in the Knesset. But, as he candidly revealed last week, Israel will have to make concessions if it is not to lose U.S. support.

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Terror attack in cinema

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) says an attack such as the one at Tel Aviv's Chen cinema was not the anticipated reaction to the warning sent to the terrorist organizations in Beirut by means of rockets the day before. "If anyone deluded himself into believing that the Beirut action would be followed by a long period of calm inside Israel, yesterday's attack has proved the opposite. The terrorists have consistently shown that they are out to attack indiscriminately, and a peaceful community is their easiest prey."

Hatzofe (National Religious) discusses the attack on the Beirut offices without reference to the attack on the Tel Aviv cinema. "The IDF and other security elements have already shown that their long arm is capable of reaching the terrorists in their own headquarters. The daring attack was a display of superior organizational powers and impressive capabilities. But such actions will not bring terrorism to an end; and Isrel must be prepared to face more terrorist attacks in the future."

Ma'ariv (independent), rejecting the PLO's claim that the atrocity in Tel Aviv was carried out in "retaliation" for the rocket attack in Beirut, notes that its timing clearly indicates that the act was planned in advance and with no connection whatsoever to the Beirut incident. "Furthermore the PLO finds this claim very convenient in order to make the world think it possesses a high degree of operational efficiency."

Yediot Aharonot (independent), comparing the cinema attack to the action in Beirut, says: "The assailants in Beirut, even if they were Israelis, could have done away with half the local population — had they wished to do so. But they aimed at no one except the outright criminals themselves."

Ha'aretz (independent) on Foreign Minister Allon's talks in Washington, quotes reports that Kissinger has told Allon that Egypt would not agree to any further agreement without Israeli withdrawal from Abu Rodeis and the Mitla and Gidi Passes. "The Secretary of State should realize that if these are Cairo's terms, the prospects of a partial settlement have gone. Since he also supports the Egyptian demand that there should be a simultaneous Israeli withdrawal on the Golan, and Rabin undoubtedly stands by his demand for a formal Egyptian declaration of non-belligerency, any further settlement with Egypt would give advantages to Egypt alone, and it should be stated clearly that Israel could not agree."

Davar (Histadrut) is certain that Brezhnev's forthcoming visit to Cairo symbolizes the official return of Egypt to the Soviet sphere. "That is why the ideas brought to Washington by Allon should be regarded as no more than ideas — as possibilities that depend on clarification of the situation from several aspects, particularly where reciprocity is concerned." The paper says Israel should not reject in advance a simultaneous settlement with Syria.

"There are many factors that have to be clarified before Israel can determine the extent of the concessions she is prepared to make at this stage. Even now, Israel should be concerned to promote the political option, provided the terms do not undermine her defensive capacity in case the new phase in negotiations should fail to prevent a new conflagration."

Soviets talk to U.S. oil giants

Detente threatens Arab oil unity

By NEWMAN BAILEY

LONDON. — A BODY BLOW at OPEC, the international oil producers' council, appears to be threatened by a dramatic Soviet departure from previous public policy. Soviet competition with OPEC exporters in traditional Arab markets is envisaged and the USSR proposes to cooperate with the United States in substantially expanding its own oil output.

In its new policy Russia is in negotiation with two U.S. oil companies — Standard Oil of Indiana and Union California — to exchange advanced technology and equipment for supplies of Soviet oil.

The two companies will provide oil extraction and refinery equipment to increase falling production in Soviet oilfields. According to Soviet sources, advanced American technology will enable output to be significantly increased in oilfields which are still using old-fashioned extraction methods.

The Soviet Union, the biggest oil producer in the world, was not affected by the energy crisis, when OPEC raised prices 400 per cent, according to Valentin Shashin, the Oil Minister.

The Soviet Union will produce 490 million tons of oil next year, 40 million tons more than in the current year and an increase of 70 million tons since the oil crisis started. Mr. Shashin said the 1975 production target would meet all the Soviet Union's needs.

The new Soviet policy contrasts with what Shashin told selected American correspondents in Moscow last May, when he stated: "I don't think there will be any foreign participation in the development of oil and gas resources." This statement was greeted with scepticism in view of Russia's known need of expertise and investment to reverse falling production at old fields and to open new ones. So his words were discounted as a negotiation tactic to drive a hard bargain with the U.S. companies.

Equally, it seemed Shashin was then seeking to allay fears of the oil-producing nations, particularly the socialist Arab states, that the Russians were going to deal with the U.S. and the oil companies.

What Shashin has now made known will confirm the Arabs' fears. It would appear that notwithstanding their public support for OPEC's high-price policy, the Russians are striking at its very roots and the OPEC solidarity as a result will be at risk. What the Arabs now contemplate is the prospect of a massive expansion of the Soviet oil industry and Moscow's declared interest in partnership with the international oil companies, combined with an offer to provide oil to traditional Arab markets. The oil producing states are expected to demand an urgent explanation of the Soviet oil negotiations in the United States. The producers and oil consuming nations will also be forced to reappraise Soviet aims on oil and at least to look more critically at its support thus far of OPEC's high-price policies and attacks on the international oil companies of the United States.

Two constant themes of Soviet oil propaganda have been: 1. that oil is bought more cheaply from oil producing countries than from international oil companies; and 2. that nationalization of oil companies in both oil producing and oil-consuming countries results in lower oil costs.

These themes are still being pursued as compatible with Soviet cooperation with the United States, although they are disputed. Several facts of the situation are cited in Western oil circles to show a different pictures:

Oil now costs five times more than it did before the crisis — the rise since the beginning of the year from 400 to 500 per cent is entirely due to the oil countries taking more money in tax from the oil companies' "excessive profits." But the oil countries have not disbursed this "excessive profit" in the form of lower prices to oil customers but have continued to keep prices up. At the same time they have criticized the oil companies for passing on some of the increased prices to the consumer.

In the oil producing countries nationalization of the companies will finally dry up the only source of cheap oil which has been available to the developing countries. In the oil consuming countries nationalization of the independent oil marketing and refining companies, which alone have access to this cheap oil, will have the same result, the oil experts say.

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PORTION OF THE WEEK

AN END TO DARKNESS

Sidra: Miketz (Genesis 41-44: 17)

"AT THE END of two years," begins the story of Pharaoh's dreams in this week's Sidra, read this year on the Sabbath of the 2,138th Hanukka, which celebrates the victory of the olive-oil light — kindled in the Temple by Judah the Maccabee — over the darkness into which the Seleucid rulers of Syria sought to plunge the Jewish nation and homeland.

The word "end" gives the Midrash (Bereshit Rabba, 89:1, Mirkin edition) an opportunity to quote (Job 28:3): "He has set an end for darkness," and comment: God has fixed the time when darkness will come to an end. For "He has searched out to the farthest bound" and found that there is no end to darkness so long as "the stone of thick darkness" exists — that is: so long as the Evil Urge prevails — stone representing the Evil Urge, as we read (Ezekiel 11:19): "I will take the heart of stone out of their bodies and give them a heart of flesh."

And "on that day I will restore David's fallen house" (Amos 9:11) and will unite all humanity into one fraternity, as it is written (Zephaniah 3:9): "For then I will give all peoples once again pure lips, that they may all invoke God's Name to serve Him with one consent."

Speaking of stones, in the Hanukka Sabbath Haftara (Prophetic portion) we read of Zechariah's vision (Zechariah 3:9-11):

"Behold the stone that I set before Joshua (the High Priest), a stone that has seven facets: I will reveal its meaning to you, says the God of Hosts: In one day I will wipe away the guilt of the land. On that day, says the God of Hosts, you shall all of you invite one another to come and sit each under his vine and under his fig-tree."

Tomorrow is also Tevet Rosh Hodesh (New Moon) Sabbath, in whose Haftara (Isaiah 66) we read: "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad with her, all you who love her; rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourned for her."

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POSTSCRIPTS

THE FOLLOWING STORY about one of the staunchest friends of the Jewish people — Czechoslovakia's first president, Thomas G. Masaryk —is related by one of the oldest readers of this newspaper — Dr. Baruch Tomaschoff, who is over 90.

One evening in December 1934, just beore Masaryk was about to resign for reasons of health, he arrived in Brno, the capital of Moravia. Driving past the synagogue, he noticed that the building was brightly illuminated, asked his driver to stop the car and walked inside.

It happened to be the last night of Hanukka and the Jews of Brno, who had gathered in the synagogue, received the President with enthusiasm and affection. Masaryk studied the tall bronze Hanukkia, with its nine lighted candles, and asked the Rabbi: "Why are there eight candles in a row, while the ninth stands below them?" "That candle is 'the servant' from which the others are kindled," explained Rabbi Glaser.

Masaryk thought for a few moments. Then he said: "The ninth candle seems to me to be symbolic of the Jewish people. The eight candles are the other nations of the world, to whom your people have given light by bringing them the message of social justice and the brotherhood of mankind. They glow with boastful self-pride as though it were their own light, while you stand apart.

"But the time has come," Masaryk went on, "for you to be masters of your own destiny in your own Jewish state. I've been to Palestine and have seen the miracles your pioneers have wrought there, the struggle for the restoration of Israel's erstwhile glory."

Masaryk then referred to the spreading poison of Nazism, which was "corrupting even noble souls," and continued: "As head of state, I am aware of developments to come. Take my advice, go in your masses to Palestine, the sooner the better, for it may soon be too late."

Some heeded Masaryk's prophecy. The others perished.

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PENDING THE ARRIVAL of the Messiah, when life will be glorious, we take comfort in the not too frequent expressions of support from the outside world.

We learn from our Amsterdam correspondent, for example, that Major (rtd) G.C. van Gorcum, who was a Dutch UN observer in our part of the world for nearly three years, has returned to the United Nations the medal he was given on retiring from his post. The medal is inscribed "in the service of peace." Major van Gorcum took the medal and his blue UN Observer's beret, wrapped them up neatly and sent them to the Dutch Foreign Ministry with a request for onward transfer to the United Nations. He added the explanation that "he no longer valued them, in view of the UN's present unjust and biased attitude to Israel." The parcel was duly transmitted to New York.

The major told our correspondent that between 1958 and 1960, he had been stationed in Damascus for a year, in Tiberias for six months and had also spent some time in Jerusalem and in the Gaza Strip. He has not been back to the Middle East since then, but attentive readers of the Dutch press have lately noted a number of pro-Israel letters to the editor signed by him.

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NOT ALL OUR SOLDIERS have families in Israel to send them comforts and to whom they can hurry home at every possible opportunity. It is left to voluntary organizations such as the Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel to look after these "lonely soldiers."

It is encouraging when this organization receives warm thanks from the families abroad. A woman in South Africa, whose two sons have settled here and are doing their army service, recently wrote:

"Both boys were in the army over the Rosh Hashana holidays and consequently far from the comforts of home or the companionship of their friends in the Yeshiva. However, our son Jonathan wrote to tell us that he received a most lavish and wonderful Rosh Hashana present from your organization. He was thrilled with the contents of the parcel, which he described to us in detail, and was most excited with the transistor radio.

"His companions usually feel sorry for him, as he is so far from his home. However, that day he was the envy of all. Needless to say, all the fellows in his tent derived benefit from that grand parcel.

"May I, through this letter, express our extreme gratitude to your organization. Indeed you perform a great *mitzva*. I am deeply touched that, despite the tremendous economic strain on the country, you are nevertheless able to send such gifts to the lonely soldiers.

"May your organization indeed be blessed for its thoughtfulness and kindness."

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THE UNITED STATES will have its first native saint next year, according to a UPI report from Vatican City. She is the Blessed Mother Seton, credited with three miraculous cures wrought through her intervention.

The Roman Catholic Church traditionally canonizes new saints during the Holy Year celebrations held every 25 years.

Elizabeth Seton, daughter of a New York Protestant, was born in 1774 and converted to Catholicism at the age of 30 following her husband's death in Italy. Four years later she founded the Sisters of Charity, the first American Catholic order of nuns. The Order now has 11,000 members and runs foundling homes, old age homes, hospitals, nursing schools, elementary schools, high schools and even colleges.

She was beatified by Pope John XXIII in 1963 on the basis of three miraculous cures and will be canonized by Pope Paul VI next September 15.

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POLAR BEARS are in danger of extinction and the Soviet Union is getting worried. Russian scientists fear that there are no more than 10,000 Polar bears left in the world, half of them in the Arctic area of the Soviet Union.

Ever since 1956, the Russians have prohibited the hunting of the bear and there is a bear reserve on Wrangel Island, which is also a breeding ground for lemmings.

According to a statistical survey, every Polar bear has 700 sq. kms of space to itself in the Arctic, a name which would lose all relevance if the bear were to become extinct, since it comes from the Greek name of this animal (Arctos). One reason for the reduction in the number of bears is that since their migration covers such a vast area, the males and females of the species often never meet.

Perhaps the Russians are superstitious. After all, the Soviet Union is frequently referred to as a bear, and a popular Soviet song refers to the Polar bear turning the axis of the globe. It would never do to have the bear disappear.

READERS' LETTERS

Archbishop's prayer

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Now that the trial of Monsignor Capucci has ended, I cannot but feel deep compassion for the convicted prelate and also satisfaction with the objective nature of the sentence passed and the patience shown by the judges, especially Mrs. Miriam Ben-Porat. However, as a Catholic priest, I must confess that I was astounded by the behaviour of the archbishop during the trial and shocked by his prayer prior to sentencing. I can find neither in the teaching of Jesus, our common Lord, nor in the teaching of the Catholic Church any justification for the content of Monsignor Capucci's prayer. Furthermore, with reference to the text of Professor F. Alessandrini's statement as published in *The Jerusalem Post* of December 11, I would like to add that the episode not only "hits and grieves one of the glorious Catholic communities of the east, the Melchite Church," but the behaviour of the archbishop has disturbed the normal development of peaceful relations between all Christian denominations and the State of Israel, and could impede the further progress and development of Jewish Christian dialogue which is the wish and hope of all concerned.

Brother DANIEL RUFEISEN
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